

## Failing fleet

Report: Poor supply chain keeping F-35 grounded

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A shortage of spare parts and difficulty managing and moving parts around the world kept the F-35 grounded 30% of the time during an eight-month period last year, a new watchdog report found, with some training units unable to fly most of that time.

A backlog of repairs and high rates in some units of “cannibalizing” parts from other planes — rather than waiting for parts to arrive — also contributed to the fighter jet program’s problems, the

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Aircraft maintainers Staff Sgt. Thomas Stewart, left, Senior Airman Justin Wilmarth and Staff Sgt. Chris Mauldin, on ladder, prepare to tow an F-35A at Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho, in 2016.  
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## National Guardsmen at work in Eastern Europe

By MARTIN EGNASH  
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National Guardsmen have started paving the way for future operations in Eastern Europe in a five-month military engineer mission to improve infrastructure at allied bases in the region.

National Guard units from across the U.S. — including Alaska, Colorado, Kentucky, Illinois, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia — last week began the long process of building up

Polish and Romanian training facilities as part of Operation Resolute Castle.

The base-building activities come as Warsaw and Washington discuss possibly building a permanent American military installation in the former Soviet Bloc country. Polish President Andrzej Duda has pledged to commit \$2 billion for the facility. The base, Duda said jokingly, could be called “Fort Trump.”

Infrastructure improvements that would assist NATO forces in moving toward Eastern Europe in the event of an emergency

have been high on the list of priorities for U.S. commanders in Europe in recent years.

Resolute Castle’s projects in the Drawsko Pomorskie and Zagan Training Areas in western Poland and the Cincu Training Area in eastern Romania give soldiers “hands-on experience working in an austere environment,” where they are clearing ground and building, the Army said in a statement Thursday.

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SCOTT T. STURKO/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Military vehicles and equipment are loaded at a rail yard Feb. 5 in Fort McCoy, Wis., in preparation for future 389th Engineer Battalion involvement in Poland.

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MILITARY

# Warship honoring LBJ is christened

By DAVID SHARP  
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BATH, Maine — Former President Lyndon B. Johnson's daughters christened a stealthy warship bearing his name Saturday, smacking champagne bottles against a metal star symbolizing Texas as a crowd roared in approval.

Champagne sprayed into the air when Lynda Bird Johnson Robb and Luci Baines Johnson simultaneously smashed their bottles as they stood on the ship's bow. Afterward, red, white and blue streamers shot skyward.

Robb said her Texas-born father would be honored to have his name on the futuristic ship because he always looked to the future.

"Daddy would be proud to have a stealthy ship that's looking forward — not backward at past things that have happened, but forward for the great things" to come, Robb told The Associated Press before Saturday's ceremony.

The warship's no-nonsense namesake was praised for his efforts to help the poor and to fight for equality in the civil rights era. Johnson signed the landmark Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act and designed "Great Society" domestic programs that included federally sponsored social welfare programs. But his presidency was dogged by a stalemate in the Vietnam War. He died in 1973.

U.S. Sen. Susan Collins, who attended with Maine's congressional delegation and other dignitaries, noted that Johnson, a Navy veteran, was thrust into the presidency "in one of our darkest hours" after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Civil Rights Act, she said, "changed America and helped our nation realize its ideals of justice and equality for all."

Robb said her father, the nation's 36th president, would be "thrilled" that the warship's crest contains a nod to three of his greatest accomplishments: the Great Society, civil rights and NASA.

Outside the shipyard, police made several arrests when activists calling on the federal government to spend money to fight climate change instead of building warships blocked a public road.

The 610-foot warship is the latest in a class of three ships that are the largest and most technologically sophisticated destroyers built for the U.S. Navy.

The destroyers feature wave-piercing hulls, an angular shape that reduces their radar signature and electric propulsion. Automation has halved the crew size compared with that of other destroyers.

Unlike its sister ships, the USS Zumwalt and USS Monsoor, the LBJ will have a deckhouse that's made of steel, not composite materials, to save money.



Above: The Lyndon B. Johnson, the third Zumwalt-class destroyer, is shown during a christening ceremony at Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine, on Saturday. Left: Luci Baines Johnson, left, and her sister, Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, the former president's daughters, smash champagne bottles to christen the ship.

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## PACIFIC



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A landing craft air cushion approaches the well deck of the USS New Orleans, which will be joining the 7th Fleet and will be home-ported at Sasebo Naval Base.

## USS America, USS New Orleans headed to Sasebo to join 7th Fleet

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Stars and Stripes

TOKYO — Two ships are leaving the 7th Fleet, but two more are joining the forward-deployed force in Japan, the Navy announced Friday.

The amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, home-ported at Sasebo Naval Base, and the destroyer USS Stethem, at Yokosuka Naval Base, will return to the United States after spending several years in Japan, according to the Navy statement.

Meanwhile, amphibious assault ship the USS America and landing platform dock the USS New Orleans will shift from home-ports in the U.S. to Sasebo.

"The security environment in the Indo-Pacific requires that the U.S. Navy station the most capable ships forward," the Navy said in its statement. "This posture allows the most rapid response

times possible for maritime and joint forces and brings our most capable ships with the greatest amount of striking power and operational capability to bear in the timeliest manner."

The 844-foot Wasp, the first flat-deck amphibious ship to embark the Marine Corps' F-35B Lightning II, will move to Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia for scheduled maintenance while the Stethem shifts its homeport to San Diego, where it will undergo midlife modernization.

Since joining the 7th Fleet in January 2018, the Wasp has conducted relief operations after Super Typhoon Mangkhut struck the Northern Mariana Islands, embarked the F-35B and the 31st Marine Expeditionary Force for multiple deployments and exercises, and conducted international operations with allied nations throughout the Pacific.

"We were on station within 12 hours of that typhoon blowing

through," Capt. Jim McGovern, the Amphibious Squadron 11 commander said in a March interview with Stars and Stripes. "The American citizens in Rota were infinitely thankful that we were there to help them. It was a huge morale boost for the crew." The Stethem's move from Yokosuka, where it's been since 2005, will leave the 7th Fleet with one less destroyer than it had two years ago.

Two destroyers — the USS Fitzgerald and the USS John S. McCain — were taken out of service after separate collisions with commercial vessels in summer 2017 that killed 17 sailors.

The destroyer USS Milvus arrived in Yokosuka in May 2017. The McCain left drydock there, where it underwent repairs, and returned to its pier in November. The Fitzgerald remains under repair in Pascagoula, Miss.

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## Federal jury convicts Misawa jiu-jitsu instructor of attempted manslaughter

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A federal jury in Little Rock, Ark., has convicted a former jiu-jitsu instructor at Misawa Air Base of attempted manslaughter of an airman during a fight in an on-base café.

Rodrigo Pineda Gomez, 44, the husband of an Air Force officer, was arrested in February last year on charges stemming from a New Year's Eve 2016 incident at Cafe Mokuteki, a popular eatery at the home of the 35th Fighter Wing in northern Japan.

The jiu-jitsu instructor, who was barred from U.S. military bases in Japan after the fight, was indicted in Arkansas because that's his last known state of residence.

He was also convicted of assault, resisting a federal officer and making a false statement to law en-



Gomez

forcement, Justice Department and Air Force officials told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Gomez and his son, Miguel Gomez, 21, were accused of assaulting three airmen on Misawa Air Base in 2016. Rodrigo Gomez attempted to kill one of the airmen by trying to snap his neck and stomping on his head, officials said, according to the news agency.

Miguel Gomez pleaded guilty last week to one count of assault. A sentencing date hasn't been set, the agency reported.

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# Marines relieve commander over fatal air collision

Decision comes months after Iwakuni crash

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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION IWAKUNI, Japan — The commander of All Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242 at MCAS Iwakuni has been relieved of command, according to a spokesman for the III Marine Expeditionary Force.

Lt. Col. James Compton was removed April 22 by Maj. Gen. Thomas Weidley, commander of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, due to a "loss of trust and confidence," according to an email statement Friday from 1st Lt. David Mancilla, of III MEF. Compton held the post just short of a year; he took command of the squadron on May 25.

An F/A-18D Hornet from the squadron was involved in a fatal midair collision Dec. 6 with a KC-130J from Marine Aerial Refueler Transport Squadron 152, also based at MCAS Iwakuni, that killed six Marine aviators.

Compton was fired as a "direct result of decisions made that may have been related to the fatal collision," according to the Marine Corps Times, which reported Compton's dismissal Thursday. The newspaper did not identify the source of that statement.

Mancilla, a spokesman for the III Marine Expeditionary Force, the parent unit for 1st Marine Air Wing, would not confirm that statement when queried Friday by Stars and Stripes.

"The investigation into the mishap in December is still ongoing," according to Mancilla's email. "This is an internal Marine Corps personnel matter, and we will not release any further information at this time."

Lt. Col. Kevin Campbell was named the interim commanding officer of the squadron, Mancilla stated.

Mancilla declined to comment on Compton's future in the Marine Corps, stating that "as a matter of policy and privacy, we don't discuss internal Marine Corps personnel matters."

The six Marines who died in the crash were Lt. Col. Kevin Herrmann, 38; Maj. James Brophy, 36; Capt. Jahmar Resiland, 28; Staff Sgt. Maximo Alexander Flores, 27; Cpl. William Ross, 21; and Cpl. Daniel Baker, 21.

The weapons officer for the Hornet survived the incident and was released from the hospital several days after the crash. He has not been identified.

Resiland, the Hornet pilot, was pronounced dead "after being found by the Japan Maritime Self-



JAMES GULLOGE/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Marine Corps Lt. Col. James Compton, commander of Marine All-Weather Fighter Attack Squadron 242, was relieved of his command on April 22 following a fatal mid-air collision under his watch.

Defense Force ship JS Setoyuki the day of the crash.

The search for the crew of the KC-130 was called off Dec. 11, after ships, planes and special forces from the U.S., Japan and Australia searched 35,000 square nautical miles.

The downed planes, which launched from MCAS Iwakuni, were conducting regularly scheduled training, including aerial refueling, when the accident happened, the Marines said at the time.

In December, the Marine Corps stated that Navy salvage experts had likely found both aircraft. Signals were detected Dec. 19 and 21 at a depth of approximately 9,843 feet. Two of the pingers are thought to mark the location of the KC-130 and the third is associated with the F/A-18.

"A team of deep-water salvage experts led by United States Navy's Supervisor of Salvage and Diving — deployed from Yokosuka and arrived on scene Dec. 18," the December statement said. "There, the highly skilled operators searched for the aircrafts' emergency relocation pingers with a U.S. Navy-owned towed pinger locator (TPL-25) system."

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## MILITARY

# Vicenza troops race around Italy in 2-day contest

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It was the ultimate whirlwind tour of Italy.

Seven teams from the Vicenza Army garrison competed last week in an Amazing Race-style contest that took them to 18 historical sites from Trieste in northeast Italy to Rome in the southwest — all in two days.

Known as the BOSS Challenge, the race was organized by an Army-wide program for single servicemembers.

Each three-person team traveled from Vicenza to sites in Pisa, Milan, Rome, Anzio, Nettuno, then back north to Florence, Venice and Trieste before finishing in Vicenza.

The race tested the teams' ability to navigate long distances in a

foreign country, using any means of travel except airplanes. Teams had to overcome language barriers and figure out the tricky Italian public transportation system, improvising if trains were missed or plans went awry.

Each team also had to stay within a \$1,600 budget or be disqualified. And showing up at a site wasn't enough — they had to take selfies that matched the exact spot where two organizers had taken selfies. Only then would they receive a clue for the next destination.

"I am about to just fall on the ground right now, especially since I packed a little too heavy," Staff Sgt. Monic Segovia said after her team snapped their photo in front of the Pantheon in Rome about 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

They had started the race at 4



SCOTT WYLAND/Stars and Stripes

From left, Sgt. Sovanarith Sok stands with teammates Spc. Damon Berry and Sgt. Joshua Ham at the Pantheon in Rome on Thursday during the BOSS Challenge. The team won the competition.

a.m. that morning. They missed a train in Pisa because the schedule for train departure times wasn't clear, Pvt. 1st Class Denzel Campbell said.

"It has been real crazy," Campbell said, describing the Italian train system.

Another team arrived at the Pantheon about 10 minutes later and searched for the exact spot to take a verification photo.

The Colosseum had proved the hardest, said Sgt. Joshua Ham, adding "that one took us a couple of tries."

In Vicenza, three teams — including Ham's and Segovia's — all literally ran to catch a

train, knowing that every minute counted.

In Trieste, Ham's team missed the train but caught a taxi to Vicenza. On a video, Ham called that decision "a clutch move."

Ham's team crossed the finish line first.

Segovia's team came in second.

At the Pantheon, Segovia's teammate Sgt. Alejandro Justiniano said the race teaches valuable travel skills that servicemembers can use later when they have time to enjoy the sights.

"It's very creative and definitely useful," Justiniano said. "It gives you a chance to see ...

parts of Italy that some people you know never get to see in their entire life."

Teams were required to post photos and videos on the BOSS Vicenza Facebook page throughout the race. In the videos, participants expressed how they felt about their chances of winning and any disappointing setbacks.

"Delayed but not dented," Ham said as his team trudged up a hill in Trieste after missing a train. "No matter what happens, we're lucky to be here, getting to experience all of this."

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## Soldiers announce Giants' NFL pick live from S. Korea

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2nd Infantry Division soldiers celebrate after announcing the New York Giants' 17th pick in the 2019 NFL Draft at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Friday.

CAMP HUMPHREYS, South Korea — Servicemembers from the 2nd Infantry Division were featured live on ESPN to announce the 17th pick during the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft on Friday.

In February, the 2nd ID was honored during the opening ceremonies of Super Bowl LIII and invited back by Melissa Schiller, the NFL's director of community relations, to participate in the

televised draft, which averaged 5.5 million viewers in 2018.

About 25 servicemembers from the U.S. and South Korea participated in the announcement led by Warrant Officer James Bencke, of the 2nd Sustainment Brigade.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., and a New York Giants fan, Bencke recalled his oldest childhood football memory: watching the Giants defeat the Buffalo Bills in 1991 at Super Bowl XXV during a party his parents held at home.

Friday, Bencke announced the Giants' second pick of the

evening, defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence, of Clemson University. Lawrence won two national championships with the Tigers in 2016 and 2018. He was the 17th pick overall.

Lt. Col. Junel Jeffery, a 2nd ID spokeswoman, said the soldiers' taking part in the draft this year was a memorable experience.

"When you see soldiers this excited, and able to participate in an event like the NFL draft, it just makes you feel really good," Jeffery said.

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## Coast Guard polar icebreaker project moves ahead with new contract

By SCOTT WYLAND  
Stars and Stripes

The Navy has awarded a \$746 million contract to a Mississippi shipbuilder for a new heavy polar icebreaker, a move that was nearly sunk last year when its funding was diverted to build a southern U.S. border wall.

VT Halter Marine was announced as the contract winner in a Tuesday announcement after Congress earlier this year restored the funding to build the Coast Guard's first heavy icebreaker in 40 years.

The company is expected to deliver the new cutter by 2024.

Congressional and Pentagon leaders say boosting the service's fleet of icebreakers is vital to compete with Russia and China, which are aggressively pursuing

inroads into the Arctic as melting ice opens more passageways for military, commercial and research vessels.

"Against the backdrop of great power competition, the Polar Security Cutter is key to our nation's presence in the polar regions," Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Karl Schultz said in a statement Tuesday. "This contract award marks an important step towards building the nation's full complement of six polar icebreakers to meet the unique mission demands that have emerged from increased commerce, tourism, research, and international activities in the Arctic and Antarctic."

The new cutter will replace the Coast Guard's Polar Star, its only working heavy icebreaker, which was commissioned in 1976.

VT Halter's contract includes options to build two more heavy icebreakers, with an estimated cost of \$1.94 billion for all three.

The Coast Guard also wants to add three medium polar icebreakers to its current one, the 20-year-old CGC Healy, saying six icebreakers are needed to keep pace with adversaries.

Russia has about 40 icebreakers, 10 of which are nuclear-powered. China has two heavy icebreakers with plans to obtain more.

The Republican-controlled House last year approved diverting \$750 million earmarked for icebreakers toward building a U.S.-Mexico border wall. But most Democrats, who took control of the House after the mid-term elections, oppose the wall.

Still, building polar icebreakers has reasonably strong bipartisan support, given the Arctic's perceived military and economic value.

The Arctic region is believed to hold an estimated 13% of the world's untapped oil reserves, 30% of its natural gas and vast mineral resources, according to U.S. Geological Survey estimates.

Meanwhile, Russia and China are strengthening their economic ties in the region, which spans parts of Alaska, Finland, Greenland, Iceland, Canada, Norway, Russia and Sweden.

Last week, two Chinese companies agreed to buy a combined 20% stake in a Russian company's Arctic liquid gas project, Reuters reported.

China has declared itself a

"near Arctic state" and aims to build a "polar Silk Road" as a direct trade route to Europe.

Russia, which has 15,000 miles of coastline along Arctic waters, has built three new military bases in the Arctic region, with plans for more.

The U.S. must defend its Arctic interests and not let nations like Russia act as though the ocean belongs to them, said Adm. James Foggo, commander of Naval Forces Europe and Africa, at a security conference earlier this month.

"It's nobody's lake," Foggo said of the world's fifth-largest ocean. "The United States is an Arctic nation and has enduring security interest in the Arctic region."

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## MILITARY

# Inhofe: Lockheed helo needs new review

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The Pentagon needs to undertake another review of Lockheed Martin Corp.'s \$31 billion CH-53K heavy lift helicopter program amid continuing technical problems and delays, according to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., said the importance of the CH-53K King Stallion to the Marine Corps means that a "comprehensive, independent update" on the long-delayed program is overdue. Inhofe's role leading the committee that authorizes defense spending means his request will almost certainly be heard.

"We need to get it right, and this report should give us a current assessment and reestablish a baseline for the program to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely," Inhofe said in a statement to Bloomberg News.



Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

**A CH-53K King Stallion flies at Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Md., on Jan. 18, 2018. The chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee has called for a review of problems and delays in the helicopter's development.**

The senator cited concerns that the chopper "is more than a year behind schedule and has over 100 outstanding deficiencies that still require resolution."

Inhofe's request comes as the

Navy plans to award a production contract for as many as 14 new King Stallions next month, though so far only two of a planned 200 helicopters are under contract.

The Navy program office and

Lockheed's Sikorsky Aircraft unit are still working to address 126 technical deficiencies, according to the Pentagon's latest report on the system. Inhofe stopped short of suggesting the contract not be signed.

The Navy acknowledged in the Pentagon's latest Selected Acquisition Report to Congress that the helicopter designed to carry heavy cargo won't meet its December target date for initial combat capability. The new tentative date is September 2021, according to the document obtained by Bloomberg News.

"Resolution of remaining technical issues and completion of airworthiness certification testing remain top priorities," according to the report.

The Navy and Lockheed plan to resolve these technical issues by June 2020, "with the majority of the designs completed" by December of this year, it said. There are no significant software-re-

lated issues with this program at this time, it said.

Sikorsky's performance on the contract for the first two production-model aircraft has been marred by "part shortages and purchase orders for suppliers late to award or not yet on contract," according to the report.

The Navy "is working with the contractor on solutions for issues identified" in the report, according to Capt. Danny Hernandez, a spokesman for the Navy's assistant secretary for acquisition. The department is in the final stages of awarding the production contract in the next few weeks, and the fixed-price contract will contain provisions intended to "address the outstanding issues," he said.

"The Navy is confident with the design" and the now-restructured program "will address these issues and verify them in testing," he said.

## Students protest USC naming Caslen as presidential finalist

By LUCAS DAPRILE  
The (Columbia, S.C.) State

COLUMBIA, S.C. — About 75 University of South Carolina students gathered Friday



Caslen

to protest the board of trustees for considering Robert L. Caslen as a presidential finalist.

Among the students' chief concerns about Caslen — the former

superintendent at U.S. Military Academy at West Point — was his statement during a presidential forum that reducing binge drinking could curb sexual assault.

"There is nothing that can make somebody commit sexual assault except for the person who commits sexual assault," said Lyric Swinton, a USC student who spoke at the protest.

The controversy arose when, during Caslen's presidential forum, he spoke on his efforts to fight sexual assault on campus.

"We went after this ... not only sexual assaults, but we want to take up the contributing mea-

sures toward sexual assault, particularly alcohol," Caslen said during the forum.

"We had to spend a lot of time, a lot of energy, toward educating students about the consequences of alcohol, binge drinking, things like that."

Students — who protested at the USC Alumni Center, where

the board was meeting — also took issue with Caslen's role in the War in Iraq, his support of the Contras in Nicaragua and the fact that Caslen did not possess a doctorate degree.

"His entire career has been contrary to the values of this institution," said Ethan Magnuson, a sophomore political science and

geography major who spoke at the event.

Protesters claimed that more than 400 students had signed a letter in support of William F. Tate for president.

During the protest, Darius York read aloud that letter, which also criticized Caslen for his comments on sexual assault.

## ACCOMPLISH WHAT OTHERS CAN'T

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## Eastern: Guardsmen boosting bases in Romania and Poland

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Unlike many military exercises, the operation is designed to leave behind permanent facilities in the allied nations' training areas. The U.S. will bear the roughly \$22 million cost of the projects.

Still, the Army maintains that the focus of the work is on training and that the new facilities are just a bonus.

"The first and foremost priority for the exercise is increasing training readiness for our military troop construction engineers," said Maj. Christopher Gillispie, the operation's plans officer. "These projects in Poland and Romania involve significant sustainment, force protection, engineering, communications and infrastructure development activities."

Resolute Castle is part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, the U.S.

commitment to reassure Eastern Europe and deter Russian aggression after their 2014 annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula.

The projects in Poland include improvements to a base camp, upgrades to an ammunition supply point and a variety of road and infrastructure enhancements. In Romania, projects include building range target pits and improving roads.

"So, what are we building on this foundation in 2019?" asked Maj. Gen. Miyako Schanely, head of the 416th Theater Engineer Command from Illinois, which is engaged in Romania. "Some would answer that we labor together to build ranges, training facilities and base security infrastructure. And although that answer is correct, we truly build so much more."

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## MILITARY

## S. Koreans celebrate anniversary without North

BY KIM GAMEL  
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PANMUNJOM, South Korea — A spectacular light show decorated a building and one of South Korea's most famous K-pop stars sang John Lennon's peace anthem, "Imagine."

For a few hours on Saturday, the truce village of Panmunjom was turned into an outdoor concert hall as South Korea celebrated the first anniversary of the first inter-Korean summit.

The North Koreans, however, were nowhere in sight, and their side of the Joint Security Area that straddles the heavily fortified border was silent.

The contrast underscored how much the situation has deteriorated since nuclear talks with the United States stalled, setting back President Moon Jae-in's hopes for peace.

The April 27, 2018, summit was a high point as diplomacy gained momentum, reversing months of tensions that saw the North conduct a series of nuclear and missile tests.

It also paved the way for an unprecedented U.S.-North Korean summit less than two months later, when President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made a vague commitment to work toward the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

The two Korean leaders, who held two more summits last year, agreed to an ambitious agenda of bilateral economic and military initiatives. But the mood has soured since Trump and Kim ended their second summit without agreement in February in Vietnam.

Moon, who did not attend Saturday's ceremony in person, expressed optimism in a video



KIM GAMEL/Stars and Stripes

**South Koreans and foreign dignitaries are treated to a light show in the truce village of Panmunjom on Saturday during a celebration of the first anniversary of the initial inter-Korean summit.**

message broadcast to about 500 people in the audience.

### 'A new path'

The South Korean president, who has staked his political legacy on the peace process, acknowledged problems but insisted that it was a matter of time.

"This is a new path, and as we all must take it together, we need sometimes to wait for those moving slower to catch up," he said. "As years go by following the Panmunjom Declaration, we will encounter an irreversible peace on the Korean Peninsula in which everyone prospers together," he added, referring to the agreement from the first summit.

South Korea informed the North of its plans to hold the ceremony but never received a response, according to the Unification Ministry.

Even the North Korean soldiers usually standing guard on their side of the JSA appeared absent, although they most certainly were watching from a distance.

Kim spent much of last week in Russia, where he met with President Vladimir Putin in what was widely seen as an attempt to hedge his bets by appealing for support from a rival of the United States.

North Korea has shown growing frustration over the U.S. all-or-nothing approach, with the Trump administration refusing to ease sanctions in exchange for gradual disarmament steps.

State-run media have stepped up rhetoric calling on the South to ignore U.S. pressure and move forward with inter-Korean projects.

On Saturday, the Korean Central News Agency condemned U.S.-South Korean military exercises, saying the allies' decision to change their names and scale them back wasn't enough.

U.S. and South Korean authorities "had better think twice, mindful that their thoughtless saber-rattling will bring miserable repentance and catastrophic results only," KCNA warned.

In the honeymoon after the

first summit, the two Koreas moved quickly to prepare to link railways and established a joint liaison office.

They also disarmed the JSA and cleared mines from parts of the Demilitarized Zone as part of an effort to recover remains of troops who died during the 1950-53 Korean War.

But progress has been limited by the U.S.-led international sanctions aimed at punishing the North for its nuclear program.

"Despite the dramatic meeting and much expectation, denuclearization of North Korea seems to be unattainable, and relations between the two Koreas and between the U.S. and North Korea are at an impasse," the South Korean newspaper Dong-A Ilbo wrote in an editorial.

Seoul and Washington, which have been allies since the war ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty, insist they're on the same page on how to deal with the North.

### Rift concerns

But concerns about a rift have emerged as Moon, who has staked his political legacy on the peace process, presses for concessions to encourage the North to return to talks.

Trump says he would like to ease sanctions but only after denuclearization is achieved. Kelsey Davenport, director of nonproliferation policy at the Washington-based Arms Control Association, said the inter-Korean process has reduced tensions, and Pyongyang should rethink its criticism of Moon.

"While the Trump administration's hard-line position denying any sanctions relief until denuclearization is complete is hindering Moon's ability to deliver on

proposed inter-Korean projects, North Korea should recognize that alienating Moon will only exacerbate the current stalemate between Pyongyang and Washington," she said in an email.

### Symbolic sites

The JSA, the only point along the 155-mile-long border where guards from both sides face each other, was full of reminders of the first summit on Saturday.

The blue footbridge where the leaders walked smelled of fresh paint and had place-settings with macarons and teacups on the picnic table where they sat for private chats.

A Japanese flautist and pianist played by the pine tree that was planted by the two leaders nearby.

American cellist Lynn Harrell performed Bach's Suite No. 1 for solo cello in front of the spot between two of the area's iconic blue buildings where Moon and Kim first shook hands.

"If you had told me a year ago I would see a cello player sitting right there, I don't think I would've believed you," Army Capt. Matthew Sturgis, an American member of the United Nations Command Security Battalion, said as he stood on the steps overlooking the scene.

The U.S.-led UNC, which oversees the buffer zone under the armistice agreement, must approve all activities there.

The performances were recorded after broadcast, along with live acts from K-pop star BoA and other South Korean and Chinese artists on the big screen near the three-story Peace Building.

Pope Francis also urged patience in a video message.

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## Fleet: GAO says system intended to make maintenance more efficient also flawed

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Government Accountability Office said in a report released Thursday.

Earlier Thursday, the Pentagon inspector general had cleared acting Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan of wrongdoing in allegations that he had used his official position to favor his former employer, Boeing Co., including claims that he had "repeatedly dumped" on the F-35 jet and called the Lockheed Martin-produced aircraft "f--ed up."

Investigators found his comments were directed at the program and its performance, not the aircraft, "and were consistent with other comments about problems in the F-35 program made by other senior DOD officials," the IG said.

Beyond supply and repair problems, the GAO report found that while spending billions of dollars on F-35 spare parts, the Defense Department does not have records for all its purchases or know where parts are located or how much the military services paid for them.

Such lack of accountability, the GAO said, will make it more difficult to rein in costs of the Pentagon's most expensive weapons program, with sustainment costs

estimated at \$1.12 trillion for the U.S. alone, the report said.

The GAO bluntly warned the Pentagon that if it doesn't fix the program's supply and maintenance challenges, the "F-35 fleet may fall short of the capability needed to support its critical national defense missions in the future."

Between May and November 2018, F-35 mission-capable rates worldwide — the percentage of time aircraft with squadrons are safe to fly and able to perform at least one mission — hovered at about 50%, according to data reviewed by the GAO.

About 27% were fully mission-capable — able to perform all tasked missions — during the same period, the report said.

The report also exposed serious flaws in the Pentagon's efforts to establish an effective and accountable F-35 supply chain, which the GAO reviewed between January 2018 and April 2019 at Congress' request.

Rather than owning the spare parts outright, the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps, along with eight international partners and other foreign military sales customers, share a common global pool of parts, managed by Lockheed Martin, the primary contractor.

The idea is to share support, including

spare parts, depot maintenance and training, through a network of sites and suppliers. But the supply chain lacks spare parts, and the aircraft were unable to fly nearly 30% of the time, Lockheed Martin data for the May-November period revealed.

Pentagon officials were trying to reduce shortages by identifying which parts were affecting aircraft capability the most and then working to increase the quantity and reliability of those parts, they told the GAO. For example, costs on the F-35 canopy for stealth failed more frequently than expected, and the manufacturer could not produce enough canopies to meet demand, the report said.

The aircraft's supply chain is also hampered by a limited capacity to repair parts, the GAO said, after finding a backlog of about 4,300 spare parts awaiting repair at depots or the manufacturer.

To keep their F-35s flying, some squadrons have resorted to taking parts from other grounded aircraft at rates six times higher than the service target, the GAO found.

"These high rates of cannibalization mask even greater parts shortages because personnel at F-35 squadrons are pulling parts off of other aircraft that are

already unable to fly instead of waiting for new parts," the GAO said.

Even the system that's supposed to make F-35 maintenance more efficient is flawed, the GAO found.

Maintainers cited problems with the Automatic Logistics Information System — a program intended to automate supply functions. One Air Force unit spent an estimated 45,000 man hours a year performing additional tasks and manual workarounds due to system malfunctions, officials told the GAO.

The GAO called on the Pentagon to review the F-35 supply chain and consider adjusting quantities of parts it procures or developing methods to make parts more readily available.

After depending largely on Lockheed to manage the F-35 supply chain and to support their operations, the Pentagon and the military services have grown dissatisfied with the program's inability to meet their requirements and reduce costs, the GAO noted. Now, they are considering "the potential for a significant shift in DOD's F-35 sustainment strategy," the report said.

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# WAR ON TERRORISM

## 'It is our right'

Afghan women seek voice at negotiating table, fearing deal could cost their gains

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HERAT, Afghanistan — Afghan women are demanding a seat at the table in negotiations over the country's future, determined to prevent the gains they have made since the 2001 fall of the Taliban from being bargained away. But already, they are meeting resistance to having a strong voice in the talks.

Women's rights activists are not just concerned about the Taliban, who were notorious for their repression of women during their rule. They are just as worried that religious conservatives, warlords and strongmen who dominate Afghanistan's U.S.-backed leadership — and whose attitudes toward women often differ little from the Taliban's — will trade away their rights to reach a deal.

Pressure is on for a peace accord as the United States seeks to end its long military presence in Afghanistan.

For women, the stakes are high. The advances they have made are important — for example, women are now members of parliament, and their rights are enshrined in the constitution, including the right to education.

But the gains are fragile and limited, and nearly 18 years after the U.S.-led coalition ousted the Taliban, Afghan women still live under a crushing weight of discrimination.

### Vulnerable to violence

Laws that exist are little enforced, activists say, giving male relatives and tribal councils almost complete say over women's and girls' lives. That leaves them vulnerable to violence, early marriage and exclusion from work and education. The 2018 Women, Peace and Security Index rated Afghanistan as the second-worst place in the world to be a woman, after Syria.

Strong participation in talks is "one of our rights," said Suraya Pakzad, an activist. "We, the women of Afghanistan, are suffering, fighting to bring peace in Afghanistan, to change Afghanistan."

"We will not allow anyone to push us, to force us to go back,"

she said. "We know how to raise our voices."

Activists are pressing for at least a third of participants in any negotiations to be women.

So far, the door has been largely closed to them. President Ashraf Ghani appointed only five women to a 37-member council created to shepherd negotiations. Dozens of women were also taken off the list of planned participants at the first round of all-Afghan talks between the government and the Taliban, meant to have been held last week in Qatar. The gathering was canceled at the last minute because of a separate dispute.

Pakzad was part of a team of female delegates who were told even before the cancellation that they would not be let into the talks.

"Women had traveled from far-away rural areas, through many Taliban checkpoints, in their burqas and passed very dangerous areas to attend," she said.

### Advances hardly felt

Activists say the advances for women are erratically enforced and hardly felt in rural areas where most Afghans live.

Only 16 percent of the workforce is women, one of the lowest rates in the world, and half of Afghanistan's women have had four years or less of education, according to data compiled by the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security and the Peace Research Institute of Oslo. Only about half of school-aged girls go to school, and only 19 percent of girls under 15 are literate, according to UNICEF.

Most girls are married before 19 to men selected by their parents — and in some villages, girls as young as 7 or 8 are regularly married off. Women who leave an abusive husband or marry a man of their choice risk being imprisoned for "morality crimes."

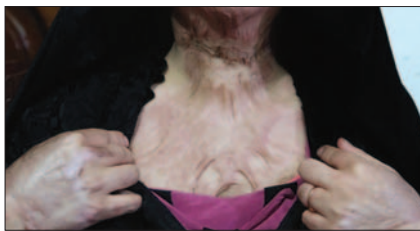
Pakzad operates women's shelters in western Afghanistan. At one of the shelters, in the western city of Herat, dozens of women and girls struggle with their nightmares.

Alissa, 16, has lived in the shelter for five years after escaping her husband. Her family married



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Above: Khadeja, 18, who was abused by her husband, speaks during an interview with The Associated Press in February at a women's shelter in Herat, Afghanistan. Below: Khadeja reveals her wounds from being burned by boiling water.



her to him when she was 6.

"I didn't even know what a wedding was," she said, speaking in a near whisper, her head lowered. "All night, I was so scared, and the next day I cried and cried."

She wanted to leave, but one of her brothers threatened to kill her if she came home. Finally, after four years with her husband, another brother brought her home. Her mother-in-law demanded her back — or her younger sister, then 7, as compensation. Both girls escaped to the shelter.

She and other girls at the shelter spoke on condition they be identified only by their first name, fearing reprisals by their families.

Another teen, Khadeja, said her father took her out of school after the fifth grade and forced

her to marry at 16. From the beginning, her husband beat her or cut her with knives, she said. When she fled, her father sent her back, telling her, "I only want you back home wrapped in the white shroud of death."

Her husband threw boiling water on her face and body, and for four hours, she had to plead to her in-laws to take her to a hospital, in agony as her skin peeled away. She finally got treatment.

Her husband was briefly detained but released without charge. Once back home, he threatened to cut off her nose. She fled to her father's house, but he and her stepmother told her to go back.

Instead, she found her way to the shelter.

### Yazidis won't embrace children of ISIS rapes

IRBIL, Iraq — The spiritual council for Iraq's Yazidi community says it will not embrace the children of women raped by Islamic State men, just days after it said it would accept "all survivors" of the extremist group's attempted annihilation of the minority community.

The Supreme Spiritual Council said the media "distorted" the meaning of an earlier statement concerning the Yazidi women and children abducted by ISIS militants in 2014 and sold into sexual slavery.

Many of the women are believed to be in Syria, where they were forced to have children with their captors in the now-defunct ISIS "caliphate."

Yazidi official Ali Khedhir Ilyas said Sunday the council encourages the women to return with their children, but added "we cannot force the families to accept" those born of rape.

### Sudan's rulers condemn attack on Islamist party

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudanese protest leaders held talks with the ruling military council on Sunday after the military condemned an attack on an Islamist party close to President Omar al-Bashir, who was removed from power and jailed earlier this month.

Dozens of protesters gathered Saturday outside a building where the Popular Congress Party was holding a meeting, chanting, "No place for Islamists."

The state-run SUNA news agency quoted party leader Idriss Sullivan as saying that at least 64 party members were wounded in clashes with the protesters.

The party was established in the late 1990s by Hassan al-Turabi, the Sudanese Islamist who played a key role in the 1989 coup that brought al-Bashir to power.

### Official: Bomb blast killed 3 Pakistanis

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — A Pakistani security official said a bomb blast near the Afghan border killed three security personnel.

Local administration official Rehmat Khan said a paramilitary soldier was wounded in Saturday's blast near a security checkpoint in North Waziristan, which was a longtime stronghold for the Taliban, al-Qaida and other militant groups.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack.

Pakistan claims to have driven out the militants in a series of military operations in recent years, but the region still sees occasional attacks.

Last year, the government merged North Waziristan with the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province to give equal rights to the 5 million residents of the rugged, tribal region.

From The Associated Press

## Israel frees 2 Syrians after return of soldier's remains

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel released two Syrian prisoners on Sunday in what it described as a "goodwill gesture" following the repatriation of the remains of an Israeli soldier who went missing more than 35 years ago.

Israel has insisted the release was not a quid pro quo for the

return of Zachary Baume's remains earlier this month.

Syrian state TV said the two prisoners, Zeidan Tawil and Khayim al-Ahmad, arrived on the Syrian side of the Quneitra crossing after being released. It showed a brief video of the two men shortly after they were handed over to Syrian authorities.

Baume went missing during the Sultan Yacoub battle between the Syrian Army and Syrian forces during Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon. Russian mediators facilitated the return of his remains shortly before this month's Israeli election.

The Syrian government denied any knowledge of Baume's

whereabouts and said it was not involved in the repatriation of his remains. Russia is a close ally of the government in the civil war.

Israel's Kan radio, citing unnamed security sources, said Ahmad was arrested 14 years ago when he tried to infiltrate an Israeli army base. It said Tawil was arrested on drug charges.



## NATION

# Leaders struggle to make sense of synagogue attack

By ELLIOT SPAGAT  
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Associated Press

POWAY, Calif. — After the rabbi who led a service on the last day of Passover suffered a gun-shot wound to his hands and two others endured shrapnel wounds, political, civic and religious leaders across the country struggled to make sense of another fatal attack on a house of worship six months after a mass shooting in a Pittsburgh synagogue.

John T. Earnest, 19, surrendered to police after bursting into Chabad of Poway, north of San Diego, on Saturday and opening fire with about 100 people inside, killing Lori Kaye, 60, and injuring Rabbi Yisroel Goldstein; Noya Dahan, 8; and Almog Peretz, 34, authorities said.

Earnest, who had no previous contact with law enforcement, may be charged with a hate crime in addition to homicide, San Diego County Sheriff William Gore said. Earnest is also being investigated in connection with an arson attack on a mosque in nearby Escondido, Calif., on March 24.

Goldstein told "Today" in a phone interview he was in the middle of his sermon when he heard loud noises. He turned around and saw he was "face-to-face with this murderer, this terrorist." He said he put his hands up to protect himself and lost one of his fingers in the shooting.

There were indications an AR-



Flowers and signs sit at a memorial across the street from the Chabad of Poway synagogue on Sunday.

type assault weapon might have malfunctioned after the gunman fired numerous rounds inside, Gore said. An off-duty Border Patrol agent working as a security guard fired at the shooter as he fled, missing him but striking his getaway vehicle, Gore said.

Shortly after fleeing, Earnest called 911 to report the shooting, San Diego Police Chief David Nislett said. When an officer reached him on a roadway, "the suspect pulled over, jumped out of his car with his hands up and was immediately taken into custody," Nislett said.

Goldstein described Kaye as a "pioneering, founding member" of the congregation and said he is "heartbroken" by her death.



PHOTOS BY DENIS POWOW/AP

Two people hug as another talks to a San Diego County sheriff's deputy Saturday outside the Chabad of Poway Synagogue in Poway, Calif., where a gunman killed one person and wounded three others.

A friend of Kaye's, Audrey Jacobs, said on Facebook that she was "taking bullets" for the rabbi to save his life, and the rabbi continued to give his sermon after being shot.

Almog Peretz, who had moved to California a few months ago from the rocket-battered town of Sderot in southern Israel near the Gaza border, said a man entered the synagogue and started shooting in all directions.

"I was with my back to the shooter. I heard a shot or two and then turned around to face him and that's when he fired at me. I ran quickly, picking up a small girl in my hands," he recalled in conversation with the Israeli YNet news site.

"He hit me once in the leg and I kept running," he said. "I didn't feel it much since there were so many bullets flying by. I heard them and I saw them right next to me."

Gore said authorities were reviewing copies of Earnest's social media posts, including what he described as a "manifesto."

A person identifying himself as John Earnest posted an anti-Jewish screed online about an hour before the attack. The poster described himself as a nursing school student and praised the suspects accused of carrying out deadly attacks on mosques in New Zealand last month and at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life synagogue Oct. 27.

"It was a hate crime, no doubt about it," national security adviser John Bolton said on "Fox News Sunday." He said investigators have not seen any connection between the suspect and other extremist groups.

There was no known threat after Earnest was arrested, but authorities boosted patrols at places of worship as a precaution, police said.

Minoo Anvari, a member of the synagogue, said her husband was inside during the shooting. She said he called to tell her the shooter was shouting and cursing.

She called the shooting "unbelievable." "We are strong; you can't break us," Anvari said.

Rabbi Yonah Fradkin, executive director of Chabad of San Diego County, said that "in the face of senseless hate we commit to live proudly as Jews in this glorious country. We strongly believe that love is exponentially more powerful than hate. We are deeply shaken by the loss of a true woman of valor, Lori Kaye, who lost her life solely for living as a Jew."

President Donald Trump offered his sympathies Saturday, saying the shooting "looked like a hate crime."

"Our entire nation mourns the loss of life, prays for the wounded and stands in solidarity with the Jewish community," Trump said later at a rally in Wisconsin. "We forcefully condemn the evils of anti-Semitism and hate, which must be defeated."

Gov. Gavin Newsom said he joins the community in grief.

"No one should have to fear going to their place of worship, and no one should be targeted for practicing the tenets of their faith," he said.

## Tenn. police investigating whether suspect knew 5 victims

Associated Press

WESTMORELAND, Tenn. — Police are investigating whether a suspect captured after an hours-long manhunt knew five people whose bodies were discovered in two homes in rural Tennessee.

Michael Cummins, 25, was taken into custody Saturday night after being shot about a mile away from one of the Sumner County crime scenes, said Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokesman Josh DeVine.

Police said officers responding to a 911 call from a family member led to the original discovery of four bodies and an injured person at the first home. The injured victim was transported to the hospital with unspecified injuries. The fifth body was found in another home.

The slayings were near the town of Westmoreland. The TBI believes the two scenes

are related.

Authorities have not released any details about the victims. They also have not said what kind of weapon was used.

DeVine said at least one officer fired at Cummins after he emerged from the woods. Cummins is believed to have produced multiple weapons and the situation escalated. He was then taken to a hospital for treatment of what are believed to be injuries that aren't life-threatening, DeVine said.

None of the responding officers was injured.

The TBI's airplane was able to help authorities spot Cummins on the ground in a creek bed, DeVine said.

A number of law enforcement agencies had been searching for Cummins, saying he could be armed and dangerous.

"The community should, hopefully, be able to rest a little bit easier tonight, knowing that [Cummins] is in custody tonight," DeVine said.

TBI is investigating the deaths and the officer-involved shooting, DeVine said.

Sumner County is northeast of Nashville and borders Kentucky.



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Law enforcement officials work at a command center set up at North Sumner Elementary School on Saturday in Bethpage, Tenn., after five people were found fatally shot.

## NATION

# Crane falls on busy Seattle street, killing 4

By LISA BAUMANN  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — A construction crane fell from a building on Google's new Seattle campus during a storm that brought strong wind gusts, crashing down onto one of the city's busiest streets and killing four people.

One female and three males had died by the time firefighters arrived Saturday afternoon, fire Chief Harold Scoggins said. Two of the dead were ironworkers who had been inside the crane, while the other two were people who were inside cars, fire department spokesman Lance Garland said.

A 25-year-old mother and her 4-month-old daughter were in a car that was smashed by the crane on

its passenger side and both managed to escape with only minor injuries, Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan said, calling it a miracle. The two were taken to Harborview Medical Center, along with a 28-year-old man. A fourth person was injured and treated at the scene.

The crane collapsed near the often-congested intersection of Mercer and Fairview avenues, just north of downtown in the South Lake Union neighborhood, shortly before 3:30 p.m., Scoggins said.

The deadly collapse is sure to bring scrutiny about the safety of the dozens of cranes that dot the city's skyline. With Amazon, Google and other tech companies increasing their hiring in Seattle, the city has more cranes building office towers and apartment buildings than any other in the United States. As of January, there were about 60 construction cranes in Seattle.

Durkan said the city had a good track record with crane safety but that officials would conduct a review.

"It's a horrible day in Seattle when something like this happens. But it's a time when we come together because Seattle is a city that rallies around each other," she said.

Officials do not yet know the cause of the collapse. Police and the state Department of Labor and Industries were investigating, which Durkan said could take months.



PHOTOS BY JOE NICHOLSON/AP

Emergency crews work at the scene of a construction crane collapse in which several people were killed and others were injured Saturday in the South Lake Union neighborhood of Seattle.

Daren Konopaski, the business manager for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302, which represents heavy-equipment operators, told The Seattle Times he understood the crane was being dismantled when high winds moved through the area.

"We don't know, but that's what seems to have happened here," he said. "We are in the process of trying to get information."

Durkan confirmed that people were actively working on top of the building Saturday, but she

didn't say whether the crane was being dismantled. A line of showers moved over Seattle at just about the time the crane fell, the National Weather Service said. An observation station on nearby Lake Union showed winds kicked up with gusts of up to 23 mph at 3:28 p.m., just about the time the crane fell.

"It was terrifying," witness Esther Nelson, a biotech researcher who was working in a building nearby, told The Times. "The wind was blowing really strong," she said, and added that the crane ap-

peared to break in half.

"Half of it was flying down sideways on the building," she said. "The other half fell down on the street, crossing both lanes of traffic."

The office building the crane fell from was badly damaged, with several of its windows smashed.

A Google spokesperson said in a statement that the company was saddened to learn of the accident and that it was in communication with Vulcan, the real estate firm that is managing the site and working with authorities.



Blake Haner, a Seattle resident, holds flowers for those who died at the scene.

## Former lawmaker Lugar dies of rare neurological disorder

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar, a Republican foreign policy sage known for leading efforts to help the former Soviet states dismantle and secure much of their nuclear arsenal but whose reputation for working with Democrats cost him his final campaign, died Sunday. He was 87.

Lugar died at the Inova Fairfax Heart and Vascular Institute in Virginia from complications related to chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy, or CPID, a rare neurological disorder, the Lugar Center in Washington said in a statement announcing his death.

The statement said his wife, four sons and their families were with him "throughout his short illness at the hospital."

A soft-spoken and thoughtful former Rhodes Scholar, Lugar dominated Indiana politics during his 36 years in the U.S. Senate. That popularity gave him the freedom to concentrate largely on foreign policy and national security matters — a focus highlighted by his collaboration with Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn on

a program under which the U.S. paid to dismantle and secure thousands of nuclear warheads and missiles in the former Soviet states after the Cold War ended.

"Every stockpile represents a theft opportunity for terrorists and a temptation for security personnel who might seek to profit by selling weapons on the 'black market,'" Lugar said.

2005. "We do not want the question posed the day after an attack on an American military base."

He served for decades on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, twice as chairman, where he helped steer arms reduction pacts for the presidential administrations of George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama, supported an expansion of NATO and favored aid to Nicaragua's Contra rebels. Lugar tried to translate his foreign policy expertise into a 1996 presidential run, but the attempt failed.



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## NATION

# Trump condemns anti-Semitism in remarks at rally

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*The Washington Post*

GREEN BAY, Wis. — President Donald Trump began his political rally in Wisconsin on Saturday night with a full-throated condemnation of anti-Semitism and hate crimes hours after a fatal shooting at a synagogue in San Diego.

The remarks came after Trump in recent days defended past comments that there were “very fine people” who marched with self-proclaimed neo-Nazis and white supremacists at the 2017 “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville, Va.

“We forcefully condemn the evil of anti-Semitism and hate,” Trump told the crowd in Green Bay, Wis. “It must be defeated. We will all get to the bottom of it. “We’re going to get to the bottom of a lot of things happening in this country,” he added.

Trump’s response after Charlottesville resurfaced last week

when former vice president Joe Biden referenced it in a video launching his presidential campaign. Asked about those comments on Mark Levin’s conservative talk radio show, Trump said, “Now there were a lot of good people in that group,” who only came to protest the removal of the Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee statue. The interview was taped Thursday and aired Friday night.

Trump, who was in his element before a crowd of red-hat-wearing fans, spoke for more than 90 minutes, testing his reelection pitch in a state he narrowly won in 2016, securing him the presidency.

In a relatively tame speech that focused largely on the strength of the economy, Trump still hit all the key points that energize his base from mentioning Hillary Clinton to spur “Lock her up” chants and the late Sen. John McCain’s health care vote to elicit boos.

Trump scheduled the rally in the critical battleground state to counter the White House Corre-



ANDREW HARRIN/AP

**President Donald Trump arrives at a rally at Resch Center Complex in Green Bay, Wis., on Saturday at a time he condemned anti-Semitism and hate crimes.**

spondent’s Dinner back in Washington, which he has declined to attend since becoming president.

“By the way, Saturday night, is there any place that’s more fun than a Trump rally?” he said. “Can you imagine Sleepy Joe, Crazy Bernie? ... I think Pocahontas, she’s finished ... can you imagine any of those people up here doing what I’m doing?”

In a riff about immigration, Trump took credit for a plan to bus migrants who cross the border illegally to sanctuary cities, first reported by The Washington Post. “I’m proud to tell you that was actually my sick idea,” he said.

He also used the word “sick”

to describe people who worry that Trump won’t leave the White House at the end of his term, be it in 2021 or 2025.

“I promise at the end of six years, I’ll be glad to — you’re going to be left with the strongest country you’ve ever had, I promise you,” he said.

In this northeastern Wisconsin city of about 105,000 people — which boasts a significant swath of Catholic, white, blue-collar voters that make up a large part of Trump’s coalition — the president reiterated promises he made in 2016 to build a wall along the southern border, replace the Affordable Care Act and negotiate better trade deals.

Trump’s heavy focus on the economy in this rally speech is what many Republicans wished he had done in the 2018 midterms instead of using the final weeks before the elections falsely claiming imminent danger from migrant caravans.

Though the speech was short on politics, being in Wisconsin was not. To win another four years in the White House, Trump needs states such as Wisconsin that flipped for him in 2016.

Recent statewide elections in Wisconsin have been fought on a razor’s edge, with Trump winning the state over Clinton by about 23,000 votes in 2016.

## Pelosi and McConnell work on budget deal

BY ANDREW TAYLOR  
*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and top Senate Republican Mitch McConnell have a limited set of mutual legislative interests in a capital beset by dysfunction and awash in presidential politics.

But automatic spending cuts, the legacy of a budget breakdown eight years ago, are bringing the power duo together to see if a deal can be made.

At stake are tens of billions of dollars for military and domestic programs, money that brings together a broad spectrum of lawmakers, including pragmatists hoping to see the Capitol function again.

There is plenty of time to reach an agreement, but failure could usher in spending cuts of \$125 billion next year, a 10% drop from current levels. Looming over it all is the record 35-day partial government shutdown earlier this year, still a fresh memory and a disruption no one wants to repeat.

McConnell, R-Ky., and Pelosi, D-Calif., have been players in numerous bipartisan budget deals,

and their mutual support is an essential ingredient if any new one is to succeed. Early signs seem iffy at best.

President Donald Trump is not a fan of the effort. Trump’s budget proposes an increase in defense spending to \$750 billion but would keep the cuts to domestic agencies and foreign aid in place, though that was an impossible formula to sustain even before Democrats took back the House.

Forces inside Trump’s White House appear opposed as well, at least to the kind of everybody-gets-something bipartisan deals that can make it through the system. Three previous agreements have denied Trump the money he demanded to build a U.S.-Mexico border wall, and he has signed them reluctantly.

The White House seems more interested in speedy action on legislation to increase the government’s borrowing limit, which must be passed to avoid defaulting on its obligations. Trump’s team worries that marrying the two issues might prove too toxic for GOP allies on Capitol Hill.

On the spending picture, acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, architect of Trump’s



ANDREW HARRIN/AP

**Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., shown in March 2018, are seeking to reach a budget agreement against difficult political odds.**

annual budget from his former post as budget director, is seen as an obstacle, along with current budget chief Russ Vought, a hard-line conservative.

Pelosi does have some problems on her left flank, which this month blocked a leadership-backed measure to set new budget limits reflecting Democratic domestic priorities. Liberals such as Reps. Pramila Jayapal, of Washington state, and Ro Khanna, of California stifled the plan, saying it shortchanged domestic programs.

“It’s obvious they can’t agree

among themselves how much they want to spend,” McConnell recently told reporters.

He said the only possibility he sees is a bipartisan agreement that “the most liberal members of her party don’t vote for and the most conservative members of my party don’t vote for.”

McConnell insists he and Pelosi can deliver as they have in the past, and both have long histories on the powerful House and Senate Appropriations committees, for years as the top negotiators over the annual foreign aid bill.

## Former White House staffer Kline agrees to give testimony

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — A former White House staffer who was at risk of being held in contempt of Congress has agreed to testify, potentially averting a showdown between Democrats and the White House.

The House Oversight Committee has scheduled an interview for Wednesday with Carl Kline, who worked as the White House’s personnel security director.

The panel subpoenaed Kline after a former subordinate told the panel that dozens of Trump administration officials were granted security clearances despite “disqualifying issues” in their backgrounds.

Kline defied a subpoena to appear, prompting Democrats to threaten contempt action against him. The White House then said Kline could appear voluntarily on May 1 to discuss “personnel security policies and practices.”

Oversight Chairman Elijah Cummings suggested contempt action against Kline is still possible if he refuses to answer questions.



## NATION

# Barr's testimony in doubt amid dispute

By MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has informed the House Judiciary Committee that Attorney General William Barr may not attend a Thursday hearing to review special counsel Robert Mueller's report due to objections over the panel's format, according to a Democratic senior committee aide.

The department has balked at the panel's plans to allow the committee's counsels from both sides to question Barr after the traditional round of questioning by members. Justice officials also told the committee that they are opposed to the panel's plan to go into a closed session if members want to discuss redacted portions of Mueller's report, according to the aide, who requested anonymity to discuss the confidential communications with the Justice Department.

Barr is scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday and the House panel on Thursday. The GOP-led Senate committee is expected to have normal rounds of member questioning.

It is unusual for committee counsels to question a witness. But committees can generally make their own rules, and other panels have made similar exceptions. In a confirmation hearing for Supreme Court Justice Brett



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**Attorney General William Barr, shown speaking at a news conference in Washington on April 18, is objecting to the proposed format of a House committee hearing to review the Mueller report this week.**

Kavanaugh last year, for example, Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee hired an outside prosecutor to question a witness who had accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault.

The dispute comes as tensions have escalated sharply between House Democrats and the Trump

administration over full access to Mueller's report and government witnesses who have defied congressional subpoenas to testify. Democrats have been eagerly anticipating the hearing with Barr as they try to build on Mueller's findings with their own investigations into the president.

House Democrats have subpoenaed the Justice Department for the unredacted version of the Mueller report and underlying material gathered from the investigation. In response, the Justice Department has said it will make the full report, minus grand jury material, available to a limited

group of members — an offer that Democrats have so far refused. The dispute could eventually end up in court.

A spokeswoman for the top Republican on the committee, Rep. Doug Collins, of Georgia, noted that Barr's testimony is voluntary and criticized the Democrats for not reading the full report. "Democrats have yet to prove their demands are anything but abusive and illogical in light of the transparency and good faith the attorney general has shown our committee," Jessica Andrews said.

Democrats have criticized Barr for drawing his own conclusion that Trump did not obstruct justice after Mueller found he couldn't exonerate the president on that point. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has said Barr is involved in a "staggering public effort" by the Trump administration to put a positive face on Mueller's findings.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., has also invited Mueller to testify and subpoenaed former White House counsel Don McGahn. McGahn was a vital witness for Mueller in the report, which recounted the president's outrage over the Mueller investigation and his efforts to curtail it. The White House has asserted it will fight the McGahn subpoena.

## Official: Trump wants solo talks with N. Korea

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has little interest in joining other countries in a multi-nation effort to get North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons, President Donald Trump's national security adviser said Sunday.

The United States is not trying to exclude other nations from nuclear talks with Pyongyang, John Bolton told "Fox News Sunday," but "I think it's not what our preference is."

"I think Kim Jong Un, at least up until now, has wanted the one-on-one contact with the United States, which is what he has gotten," Bolton said, adding that Trump is open to the possibility of a third summit with Kim.

Following their talks in Russia on Thursday, President Vladimir Putin suggested the revival of a multilateral approach to the denuclearization negotiations, which have failed in the past. Putin said Kim is willing to give up nuclear weapons, but only if he gets ironclad security guarantees supported by a multinational agreement.

The U.S., North Korea, China, South Korea, Russia and Japan began so-called six-party negotiations in August 2003.

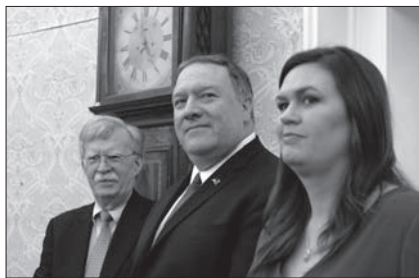
North Korea accepted a deal in September 2005 to end its nuclear

weapons program in exchange for security, economic and energy benefits. But disagreements between Washington and Pyongyang over financial sanctions imposed on the North temporarily derailed the six-nation talks before North Korea conducted its first nuclear test in October 2006.

The disarmament talks resumed a few weeks later and the six governments reached a deal in February 2007 in which North Korea would receive an aid package worth about \$400 million in return for disabling its nuclear facilities and allowing international inspectors to verify the process. A final attempt to complete an agreement to fully dismantle North Korea's nuclear program fell through in December 2008 when the North refused to accept U.S.-proposed verification methods.

Trump's two high-profile meetings with Kim — first in Singapore and then in late February in Hanoi — have yielded no denuclearization road map. In Russia, Kim strongly criticized Washington for taking a "unilateral attitude in bad faith" in Hanoi that he said caused the diplomatic standstill, North Korea's state-run Korean Central News Agency said Friday.

Bolton said Trump is still looking



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**U.S. national security adviser John Bolton, left, shown with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and White House press secretary Sarah Sanders on Friday at the White House, says President Donald Trump is not interested in resuming multi-nation talks over North Korea's nuclear program.**

ing at the possibility of a third summit with Kim.

"He feels pretty strongly about it," Bolton said. "He's said repeatedly he thinks he has a good relationship with Kim Jong Un and the six-party approach failed in the past."

Bolton also said Trump does not favor Kim's desire for a step-by-step approach to denuclearization in which North Korea would

get some sanctions relief in exchange for taking steps toward denuclearization.

"I think if you look at the past policies, the answer to that is no," Bolton said. "The past policies that have tried a step-by-step approach have all failed. Kim or his father have gotten economic relief and then somehow have never gotten around to that commitment to denuclearize."

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# OPINION

## Trump's version of 'strategic patience'

By JOSH ROGIN

The Washington Post

Two months after the failed U.S.-North Korea summit in Hanoi, Vietnam, all eyes are on Kim Jong Un, who must make the next move. The Trump administration is holding firm to its all-or-nothing bid for a grand bargain with Pyongyang. The smart play, right now, is a form of strategic patience, to give Kim one last chance to make the right decision. The term "strategic patience" is loaded because that's how the Trump team derivatively refers to the Obama administration's North Korea policy — no real negotiations and no intentional escalation. During his administration's final months, President Barack Obama largely abandoned that approach and piled on sanctions in response to Kim's increased nuclear and missile testing. But President Donald Trump's criticism of Obama's strategic patience was that it allowed the problem to fester.

Now, almost a year after the Trump administration's diplomatic engagement with Pyongyang, strategic patience is back, albeit in modified form. In Hanoi, Trump passed Kim a paper outlining the "big deal" — total denuclearization in exchange for economic normalization. Kim wanted the "small deal" of symbolic, limited denuclearization in exchange for broadened sanctions relief. Trump walked, and now we're at a stalemate.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono was in Washington this month for meetings with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and acting Defense Secretary Pat Shanahan. Kono told me during an interview that he was reassured Trump and Pompeo wouldn't settle for the small deal, even though it seems to be what the South Ko-

rean government is pushing.

"I think the choice is, big deal or nothing. Either Kim Jong Un takes it or leaves it," Kono said. "The ball is in Kim Jong Un's court. So we just have to wait for him to make the right decision."

That's the message Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe likely delivered to Trump when he visited Washington on Friday. For Japan, Trump's willingness to walk out on the Hanoi summit was a relief. A small deal would not address Tokyo's national concerns, such as short-range missiles and the fate of Japanese abductees still missing in North Korea.

The United States and its allies must not negotiate against themselves, said Kono, or allow North Korea to drive wedges between them. Kim's single-mindedness on getting sanctions relief indicates that the North is biting, he said, so our focus must stay on keeping the pressure high.

"We are hoping to keep united," he said, adding that if Kim wants to improve his country's economic situation, he will have to eventually come around. I asked Kono how long we should wait for Kim to make that choice. "As long as it takes," he said.

Pompeo largely concurred with that view during a recent hearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, though he said he wanted to "leave a little room" for small incentives. North Korea demonstrates progress. During a CBS interview Wednesday, Pompeo emphasized the fundamental choice Kim faces and called on the North Korean leader to prove he had, in fact, made the choice to denuclearize.

Meanwhile, there's no bilateral dialogue right now and nothing on the table, I hope that we'll see several more chances to have serious conversations," Pompeo said.

There are signs Kim is thinking it over.

gered the activists and their families.

U.S. authorities have filed a criminal complaint alleging the dissidents used force and abused embassy staff during the Madrid attack. Free Joseon denies the charges. For the U.S. to accept what is essentially a North Korean version of the events sends the message to Pyongyang that its egregious crimes lie beyond the concern of the world's presumptive champion of freedom and democracy.

The U.S. must not do Kim's bidding. Our extradition treaty with Spain provides for a refusal to extradite if we regard the offense in question as politically. The North Korean Embassy breach surely was that, and the U.S. should seek to protect the dissidents rather than hand them over to Spain.

Free Joseon's stance against the North Korean government is clear. It announced itself under the name Cheollima Civil Defense in 2017, taking credit for spiriting away to safety the surviving family members of Kim Jong Nam, the paternal half brother of Kim Jong Un, who was killed in public at the Kuala Lumpur International Airport in Malaysia in February 2017.

On March 1 of this year, the centennial of the Korean independence movement against Japanese colonial rule, Free Joseon proclaimed itself the provisional government of the north, dedicated to abolishing Kim Jong Un's tyranny.

In mid-March, the group spray-painted its name, symbol and the words "We shall rise" on the wall of the North Korean Embassy in Malaysia, just hours before the Malaysian court pardoned one of the two assassins in Kim Jong Nam's killing. A few days later, it released a video clip of a man smashing pictures of Kim Jong Un's father, Kim Jong Il, and grand-

He traveled to Vladivostok, Russia, last week to confer with Russian President Vladimir Putin and seek for international support. Kim Yong Chol, the hard-liner customarily in charge of Pyongyang's negotiating team, was left off the trip with no explanation and may be gone for good.

U.S. officials told me that Kim Jong Un's promotion of Foreign Ministry official Choe San Hui could be a positive sign that the chairman is seeking new advice or planning to adjust his strategy. North Korean officials are also busy insulting Trump's advisers, including Pompeo ("immature") and national security adviser John Bolton ("dim-sighted").

If the North Koreans think they can appeal directly to Trump by going over his advisers' heads, they haven't learned the lessons of Hanoi. If Russia thinks there's a possibility of broadening the diplomacy to something resembling the Six-Party Talks, they don't understand Trump.

Kono said that as long as everyone abides by international law and the U.N. Security Council, there will be no significant sanctions relief for North Korea until it gives up its nuclear and missile programs completely.

In a way, Trump's version of strategic patience is better than Obama's. There is no need to use asymmetric and there at least is a diplomatic process to be returned to.

But if and when it becomes clear that Kim has decided not to give up his nuclear and missile programs for good, our patience must end and we must pivot to ramping up our interference, consistent with the Trump administration's patience with North Korea will eventually run out.

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## Don't suppress the North Korean resistance

By SUNG-YOON LEE

Special to the Los Angeles Times

North Korea is history's most perfected totalitarian state. It's ruled by a defiled dynastic dictatorship whose record of crimes against humanity is unparalleled, according to the U.N. Commissioner on Human Rights, and no organized resistance against the regime has been reported. Until now.

A mysterious group called Free Joseon — or Free North Korea — has broken Pyongyang's seven-decades-long record of untouchability and trampled on its greatest taboo: The "Supreme Dignity" Kim Jong Un must never be dethroned.

In February, members of the group infiltrated the North Korean Embassy in Madrid and got away with computers, thumb drives, hard disks and a cellphone. They later shared the booty with the FBI.

But now the group and its defiant message are threatened by an unlikely source — the United States. Federal authorities, in compliance with Spain's request to extradite the suspects in the Madrid case, this month arrested one of the suspects in Los Angeles, an American-born former U.S. Marine, and raided the apartment of the organization's leader, who is in hiding from U.S. authorities and North Korean hit squads. Both men are in Korean descent.

It is within the Spanish court's jurisdiction to seek to hold accountable anyone who broke into an embassy on its soil. However, North Korea is a state sponsor of terrorism that has shown few qualms about attempting extrajudicial killings of defectors and other "enemies of the state," even on foreign soil. When Spain's high court finally disclosed the names of the suspects, it endan-

father, Kim Il Sung. The shock effect of the video on the North Korean people cannot be overstated. Portraits of the ruling family are ubiquitous in North Korea, and all are told to protect the pictures with their lives. To deface the images is an unthinkable crime in the cult-dictated, conformity-imposed surveillance state.

Free Joseon is a textbook resistance movement, using asymmetric and psychological warfare. Against a state that employs a powerful web of security forces and a cruel penal system to oppress its own people, low-level asymmetric tactics are the only means available. A \$20 investment in spray paint can embarrass Pyongyang's massive security apparatus. Turning over to authorities computers stolen from the Madrid embassy signals that Free Joseon isn't a criminal enterprise in the usual sense.

In the dystopia of George Orwell's novel "1984," "war is peace, freedom is slavery, and ignorance is strength." The Democratic People's Republic of Korea's dystopia turns some of the creed around, but the surreal contradiction remains: In the 70 years of the facta pece is framed as continual war, slavery is freedom, and, yes, the people's ignorance is the state's strength.

Orwell's satire stopped short of intimidating hope of resistance. But Free Joseon, in breaking the North Korea taboo, has reaffirmed a crucial tenet of liberalism: To stand up to tyranny in the name of freedom is not only not a crime, but also a right and duty. The United States should not quash this hallowed principle.

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# Elon Musk, SEC settle dispute over tweets

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## NATION

# Oliver North out as NRA president after dispute

By LISA MARIE PANE  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Oliver North announced Saturday that he would not serve a second term as National Rifle Association president, making it clear he had been forced out by the gun lobby's leadership after his own failed attempt to remove the NRA's longtime CEO in a burgeoning divide over the group's finances and media operations.

"Please know I hoped to be with you today as NRA president endorsed for reelection. I'm now informed that will not happen," North said in a statement that was read by Richard Childress, the NRA's first vice president, to members at the group's annual convention.

North, whose one-year term ends Monday, did not show up for the meeting, and his spot on the stage was left empty, his nameplate still in its place. His statement was largely met with silence. Wayne LaPierre, whom North had tried to push out, later received two standing ovations.

It was a stunning conclusion to a battle between two conservative and Second Amendment titans — North, the retired Marine lieutenant colonel with a ramrod demeanor who was at the center of the Iran-Contra scandal of the 1980s, and LaPierre, who has been battle-tested in the decades since he took up the mantle of gun rights. He has fought back challenges that have arisen over the decades, seemingly emerging unscathed each time.

In this latest effort, he pushed back against North, telling members of the NRA's board of directors that North had threatened to "damage" information about him to them and saying it

amounted to an "extortion" attempt.

Hundreds of the NRA's estimated 5 million members packed into the convention center in Indianapolis where the group's annual meetings were being held. Near the end of the two-hour meeting, some members challenged efforts to adjourn and pushed to question the board about controversies involving its financial management, the relationship with its longtime public relations firm and details of what North sought to raise about alleged mispending, sexual harassment and other mismanagement.

But those cries were drowned out as some board members urged such conversations not to be held at such a large public forum, even if the media were eventually discharged from the room.

"We don't want to give the other side any more information than they already have," said Tom King, a board member.

Offered Marion Hammer, a former NRA president and longtime lobbyist from Florida: "The life's blood of this organization is on the line. We are under fire from without. We do not need to be under attack from within."

The internal dispute first spilled out in public after the NRA in recent weeks filed a lawsuit against Ackerman McQueen, the Oklahoma-based public relations firm that has earned tens of millions of dollars in the decades since it began shaping the gun lobby's fierce talking points. The NRA's lawsuit accuses Ackerman McQueen of refusing to hand over financial records to account for its billings.

North has a \$1 million contract with Ackerman McQueen, raising alarm bells among some in the NRA about conflicts of interest. He has a show called "American



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Evan Downey, of Gallipolis, Ohio, looks over a rifle display at the National Rifle Association annual meeting on Saturday in Indianapolis, where Oliver North was ousted as NRA president in a dispute with the gun lobby's leadership.

## NY investigating NRA's finances

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York state's attorney general, who promised during her campaign to investigate the National Rifle Association's nonprofit status, has begun an investigation into the finances of the gun owners' group, her spokeswoman said Saturday.

"The Office of New York State Attorney General Letitia James has launched an investigation related to the National Rifle Association," spokeswoman Kelly Donnelly said in an email. "As part of this investigation, the Attorney General has issued subpoenas."

William A. Brewer, the NRA's outside lawyer, said the organization "will fully cooperate with any inquiry into its finances." He added, "The NRA is prepared for this and has full confidence in its accounting practices and commitment to good governance."

James, a Democrat, had vowed during her campaign last year to investigate the NRA's not-for-profit status if elected.

"I will use the constitutional power as an attorney general to regulate charities, that includes the NRA, to investigate their legitimacy," she said at a July 12 rally.

Heroes" on NRATV, the online TV station created and operated by Ackerman McQueen.

NRATV and Ackerman McQueen's billings are at the center of the turmoil, with

some members and board members questioning whether they were getting any value for the money devoted to that part of the operation. In 2017 alone, the NRA paid the firm \$40 million.

## More states aim to suck air out of festive balloon launches

By DAVID SHARP  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine — The tradition of releasing balloons at weddings, birthdays and memorials may soon get deflated by lawmakers in more than half a dozen states.

Critics say the helium-filled balloons pollute the environment and threaten birds and other wildlife when they fall to earth.

"People don't really realize that it's littering. That's why we want to bring attention to this," said state Rep. Lydia Blume, who's supporting a balloon bill in Maine. "It's a common-sense thing."

Nationwide, there's a growing awareness of the problem and it has energized legislation in state governments. Bills to limit the intentional release of large numbers of balloons are being aired in legislatures in Arizona, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island, in addition to Maine, said Jennifer Schultz, of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Texas is also considering a study of the problem and waterborne litter that would include helium balloons, she said. A similar



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Left: Nebraska Cornhuskers fans release balloons during an NCAA college football game in Lincoln, Neb., last September. Right: A dead bird lies entangled in a cord attached to the remains of a pink balloon on the shore of Lake Michigan at Indiana Dunes National Park in Porter, Ind. Several states are acting to restrict or ban the mass release of balloons due to their harmful environmental impact.

proposal was terminated while in committee in the Kentucky Legislature last month.

These states would join California, Connecticut, Florida, Tennessee and Virginia — all of which already have laws that ban or restrict launches. California's law applies only to foil balloons, while Connecticut is currently considering a stricter law, said Danielle Vosburgh, a Florida environmental activist who helped

launch a nonprofit organization, Balloons Blow.

Maine's proposal to ban mass balloon releases took flight at a town meeting last month in Unity. Penny Sampson, chairwoman of the Select Board, said she had witnessed a couple of releases in person. Once was in 2000, when triplet boys died in a fire in Unity. Another time, balloons were released

at the Wiscasset Raceway to memorialize someone who died.

"To pollute the environment and cause marine and wildlife issues is really not a good way to memorialize someone. There are plenty of other ways to do it," Sampson said.

In Rhode Island, commercial lobsterman John Peabody said he's generally anti-government

but he supports limits on balloon releases based on what he sees from his boat.

"You see tons of those things. You see them floating on the surface, you find them in the traps below. You wouldn't believe how many of them are out there," he said.

Shorebirds can get entangled. In the ocean, turtles mistake them for jellyfish and eat them.

## WORLD



# Amid fear, Sri Lankans celebrate Mass via TV

BY JON GAMBRELL  
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*Associated Press*

AMPARA, Sri Lanka — Sri Lanka's Catholics celebrated Mass in their homes via a televised broadcast on Sunday as churches across the island nation shut over fears of militant attacks, a week after the Islamic State-claimed Easter suicide bombings killed more than 250 people.

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, the archbishop of Colombo, delivered a homily before members of the clergy and the country's leaders in a small chapel at his Colombo residence — an extraordinary measure underlining the fear still gripping this nation of 21 million people.

"This is a time our hearts are tested by the great destruction that took place last Sunday," Ranjith said. "This is a time questions such as, 'Does God truly love us? Does he have compassion toward us?' can rise in human hearts."

In a rare show of unity, President Maithripala Sirisena, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and opposition leader Mahinda Rajapaksa attended the Mass. Their political rivalry and government dysfunction are blamed for a failure to act upon near-specific information received from foreign intelligence agencies that preceded the bombings, which targeted three churches and three luxury hotels.

Police, meanwhile, entered the main mosque of National Towheed Jamaat on Sunday afternoon, just a day after authorities declared it and another organization terrorism groups over the bombings.

Police entered the mosque, located in Kattankudy in eastern Sri Lanka, and stopped an interview among foreign jour-



nalists and mosque officials. Later, a senior police officer dispersed journalists waiting outside, saying authorities were conducting a "cordon and search operation." Police then left, locking up the mosque just before afternoon prayers were to start.

Authorities banned National Towheed Jamaat over its ties to Mohammed Zahran, the alleged mastermind of the Easter attacks.

Police also announced the arrests of two of five people wanted in connection with the attacks after their pictures were distributed publicly.

Police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekara said the two, Mohamed Iruhayim Shahid Abdul Haq and Mohamed Iruhayim Sadiq Abdul Haq, were arrested in Nawalapitiya, 77 miles east of Colombo, the capital. The three others, all women, remain at large. Police did not elaborate on what roles they may have played.

In the eastern district of Ampara, where a gunfight and explosions left 15 people



dead following a police raid on Friday, soldiers guarded St. Mary Magdalen's Church. A sign on the gate said the church and the school would be closed until May 6. A nearby mosque also had soldiers stationed outside.

At the YMCA a group of young girls held Sunday school near a portrait of Christ. Sajith Liyanage, 51, a Catholic, said he remained worried and would watch Mass on TV. "We can't understand what the situation is right now," Liyanage said.

At Ampara's weekly Sunday market, police officers walked explosive-sniffing dogs past ripe yellow bananas, pineapples and coconuts. Officers also searched women's bags and pushed aside brown fallen leaves, checking the grounds for any bombs.

"Everything is falling apart because of this issue. Business is almost nonexistent," said vendor Chandima Krishanthi. "That is how we are living right now."

"Even though the security forces are here, it's not like earlier. We are living in

fear. It's nothing like it used to be," she said.

ISIS claimed three of the militants who blew themselves up during the police raid in Ampara. In a statement carried by the extremists' Amaq news agency, ISIS identified the bombers by their noms du guerre as Abu Hamad, Abu Sufyan and Abu al-Qa'qa. It said they opened fire with automatic weapons and "after exhausting their ammunition, detonated ... their explosive belts."

Sri Lanka's military said the gunfight Friday night near the town of Sammanthurai left 15 dead, including six children, when militants opened fire and set off explosives in suicide bombings as security forces closed in on their safe house.

At the main police station in Ampara, an outdoor stage now holds what police recovered after the firefight. The ISIS-aligned militants had created a bombmaking factory at the home, complete with laboratory-style beakers and thick rubber gloves.

Police found tens of gallons of acids used to make the fire of the blast more lethal.

A police investigator, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly comment, said the mix of acids worsened the wounds suffered by those who didn't immediately die in the blast.

"At the hospital, a lot more people died. That's why," he said, nodding toward the acids. "It made the wounds incurable."

The bombers likely carried two rectangular detonators in their pockets similar to the ones recovered, the investigator said. A red switch armed the explosives, while a light tail button detonated the bombs hidden inside their large backpacks.

**Top:** A Sri Lankan relative of a victim of Easter Sunday bomb blasts pays tribute at the burial site after a televised Sunday Mass by Sri Lankan Archbishop Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith in Negombo, north of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on Sunday. **Above left:** A relative of another of the more than 250 victims wipes her tears at the burial site of her relatives. **Above right:** A Sri Lankan Catholic family prays inside their home while watching the live transmission.

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## WORLD

# Flooding plagues Mozambique after cyclone

By FARAI MUTSAKA  
Associated Press

PEMBA, Mozambique — Serious flooding raged on Sunday in parts of northern Mozambique hit by Cyclone Kenneth three days ago, with water waist-high in places, after the government urged people to immediately seek higher ground. Hundreds of thousands of people were at risk with more rain forecast.

"Help us, we are losing everything!" residents in the region's main city, Pemba, shouted at passing cars as the rushing waters flooded their homes and heavy rain fell. Women and girls with buckets and pots tried in vain to scoop away the torrent. The water poured into doorways.

Houses began to collapse and a rescue team was mobilized, United Nations staffers said. "We are, unfortunately, expecting devastating floods," the U.N. humanitarian agency said in a tweet.

Kenneth arrived just six weeks after Cyclone Idai ripped into central Mozambique and killed more than 600 people with flooding. The new storm's remnants could dump twice as much rain as Idai, the U.N. World Program has said. As much as 9 inches, or about a quarter of the average annual rainfall for the region, had been forecast over the next few days.

"I have never seen such rains in my life," said one Pemba resi-



A family desperately scoops water from their flooded home in Natite neighbourhood, in Pemba, on the northeastern coast of Mozambique, on Sunday.

TSVANGIRAYI MUKWAZHI/AP

dent, Michael Fernando, 35. Up to nearly 4 inches were forecast in the next 24 hours for some parts of the region, Mozambique's meteorological institute said.

This was the first time in recorded history that the southern African nation has been hit by two cyclones in one season, raising

concerns about climate change.

Some Pemba residents tried to pile up tires and sand-filled sacks as barricades. Children took refuge in a bus that appeared to be stuck as vehicles struggled on the streets. One woman stood, seemingly stunned, as the rain pounded down. Cars began to slip under

the waters.

"We will keep moving until we get somewhere safe," one man said as people fled carrying belongings in plastic bags.

There was no immediate word of deaths on Sunday. Authorities have said at least five people died after Kenneth roared in Thurs-

day evening with the force of a Category 4 hurricane, stunning residents of a region where such a storm had not been recorded in the modern era.

More than 160,000 people have been affected in the largely rural region, many already exposed and hungry. More than 35,000 homes in parts of Mozambique's northernmost Cabo Delgado were partially or fully destroyed by the storm.

Aid groups waited for news Sunday from districts beyond Pemba that had been hit much harder by the cyclone. Some of the swelling rivers in the region have burst their banks in the past, notably in 2000.

On Saturday, aerial photos showed several coastal communities flattened by the storm. "Not a single house is standing anymore," Saviano Abreu, a spokesman with the U.N. humanitarian agency, told reporters.

Livelihoods have been lost, and people are wondering how they will cope in a country struggling with one of the world's highest poverty rates.

With notebook and pen in hand, Luis Momade walked near the beach in Pemba on Saturday, taking advantage of a lull in the rains to record the damage from the cyclone. The president of the local Paquite Residents Association, his notebook was almost full with names and figures of boats damaged or destroyed.



DENIS FARRELL/AP

A woman with the South African flag attends Freedom Day celebrations in Kwa-Thema Township, near Johannesburg, on Saturday.

## Freedom Day: South Africa marks the end of apartheid

Associated Press

KWA-THEMA, South Africa — Sporting a lively array of colorful outfits, about 3,500 South Africans attended celebrations on Saturday in Kwa-Thema township, east of Johannesburg, on Freedom Day, the public holiday marking the 25th anniversary of the end of apartheid.

Many wore the bright yellow, green and black colors of the African National Congress, the ruling

party of the late Nelson Mandela that played a crucial role in the struggle that ended the brutal system of racial discrimination. Other people wore traditional outfits.

Many waved the South African flag at the festivities which featured speeches focusing on the progress made in the past quarter-century and the many challenges that still must be tackled, including unemployment and inequality.

## Deeply divided, Spaniards vote with eyes on the far-right's rise

By ARITZ PARRA  
Associated Press

MADRID — A divided Spain voted Sunday in its third general election in four years, with all eyes on whether a far-right party will enter Parliament for the first time in decades and potentially help unseat the Socialist government.

The incumbent prime minister, Pedro Sanchez, is set to win the most votes, but his Socialists seem far from scoring a majority in parliament to form a government on their own.

The fragmentation of the political landscape is the result of austerity that followed a recession, disenchantment with bipartisan politics and the recent rise of far-right populism.

Sanchez called Sunday's ballot after a national budget proposal was rejected in the Lower Chamber by the center-right conservative opposition and Catalan separatists pressing for self-determination in their northeastern region.

Polls a week ago found that about one-third of the nearly 37 million eligible voters hadn't decided how they would vote. Their decision and the expected high

turnout could swing the result between the left and right wing blocs that have taken shape during the electoral race.

The anti-austerity Unidas Podemos (United We Can) party, has offered to enter a coalition with the Socialists, but they might need to rely on smaller parties, including the Catalan separatists.

On the splintered right, three parties are competing for leadership: the once-dominant conservative Popular Party, the center-right Citizens and the nationalist and anti-migrant Vox party, which looks set to enter the lower house of Parliament for the first time.

Speaking Sunday shortly after casting his ballot, Sanchez said he wanted the ballot to yield a parliamentary majority that can undertake social and political reforms in the country. The prime minister said he wanted the lower house to support "a stable government that with calmness, serenity and resolution looks to the future and achieves the progress that our country needs in social justice, national harmony and political cleansing."

Citizens and PP have focused their campaigns on unseating

Sanchez, hinting at repeating the coalition government that with the help of Vox's parliamentary backing ousted the Socialists from more than three decades in power in the southern Andalusia region earlier this year.

Pablo Casado, who recently took over leadership of the conservative PP and has steered it to the right in an effort to stop the draining of votes to Vox, called the ballot the country's "most decisive" in recent years.

United We Can party leader Pablo Iglesias also stressed the importance of voting on Sunday.

"My feeling is that in Spain there is an ample progressive majority, and when there is high participation that becomes very clear," Iglesias said.

Vox leader Santiago Abascal, who has been drawing the largest crowds during campaigning, told reporters in Madrid that "millions of Spaniards are going to vote with hope; they are going to do it without fear for anything or anybody."

The vote will decide the 350 members of the Congress of Deputies, who then choose a government, and also 208 senators for the Upper House.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Penalties for killing K-9s are toughened

**FL** TALLAHASSEE—People who kill or seriously injure police dogs in the state will now face tougher penalties.

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill Friday making that crime a second-degree felony punishable by up to 15 years in prison. It was previously a third-degree felony punishable by up to five years in prison.

Republican Sen. Aaron Bean has said his bill was inspired by the shooting death of a K-9 named Pang in Jacksonville last year.

The increased penalties would also apply to anyone who seriously injures or kills a police horse or canines used by fire departments and search and rescue teams.

## Story on high school porn star sparks clash

**CA** STOCKTON — A high school newspaper in Central California is going ahead with plans to publish a profile of a student who works in the porn industry after clashing with administrators over the content of the story.

The journalism teacher for students who run the Bruin Voice at Bear Creek High in Stockton accused district officials of censorship when they demanded to review the article before publication, scheduled on May 3, and threatened to fire her if she didn't comply.

Kathi Duffel told the San Francisco Chronicle she refused, citing the students' rights to free speech. She got district officials to agree to let an attorney independently review the story.

## Judge orders woman to wear charm bracelet

**ID** BOISE — Judges have a lot of discretion when it comes to handing out sentences to criminal defendants, but some experts said a recent case where a woman was ordered to wear a charm bracelet is particularly unusual.

Jennifer Fanopoulos was sentenced in Boise's U.S. District Court earlier this month for using fraud to obtain illegal drugs from the hospital where she worked. U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge sentenced her to three years of probation and added an extra requirement: He ordered her to wear a charm bracelet bearing pictures of her children to deter her from using drugs or alcohol.

Neither the judge nor Fanopoulos' defense attorney responded to requests for comment.

## Home invasion suspects caught after returning

**NC** ROBERSONVILLE — Four men suspected in a home invasion were in custody after sheriff's deputies in North Carolina said they went back to the house.

WITN-TV in Greenville reported Martin County sheriff's deputies said that as they were beginning their investigation into Thursday night's incident the four

## THE CENSUS

**7** The length, in feet, of an alligator that tried to get in a Palm Coast, Fla., woman's home. Donna Heiss told WKMG that as she pulled into her garage on Thursday, neighbors yelled for her to get inside. Once inside, she looked out the door and saw the alligator looking back. It walked around the house, trying to find a way in, before a trapper took it away. It was estimated to be between 7 and 8 feet long.



ERIC GAY/AP

## Keep your eye on the Tiger

A tiger balloon float is guided through downtown San Antonio as part of the Battle of Flowers parade on Friday.

suspects drove by. The sheriff's office said the deputies stopped their vehicle and arrested them.

Police said one of the invasion victims was hit with a pipe but didn't need medical treatment.

All four suspects were charged with first-degree burglary, and two of them were also charged with assault with a deadly weapon. One suspect was charged with assault on a female. The four are jailed on \$25,000 bond each.

## Retirement home for homeless dogs opens

**MO** INDEPENDENCE — A new retirement home of sorts gives homeless senior dogs that don't get adopted from shelters a place to romp and roam.

Shep's Place Senior Dog Sanctuary opened this month in the Kansas City suburb of Independence. Founder Russell Clothier said he came up with the idea after he started walking shelter dogs.

The sanctuary is named after a 10-year-old beagle-basset hound mix that Clothier adopted.

## Man smoking meth attacks mattress

**FL** FORT WALTON BEACH — An apparently hallucinating man used a bed-post to attack a mattress where he thought a man was hiding.

In a Facebook post, The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office quoted the girlfriend of Felipe Oquendo, 37, as saying Oquendo thought she was cheating on him with a man he thought he saw in the mattress at their home.

She said Oquendo hit the mattress with a bed post, ripped it apart and locked the bedroom door. She was able to escape and call police.

The sheriff's office said Oquendo later admitted to having smoked meth.

## School changes name to Love Elementary

**CA** ALAMEDA — A public school in the San Francisco Bay Area named after a California governor who espoused racist views and opposed

giving minorities the right to vote will change its name to Love Elementary.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported the school in Alameda is named after Henry H. Haight, who in his 1867 gubernatorial inauguration address said he opposed giving Asian Americans and blacks the right to vote.

School officials let the community vote on the change and pick a new name. In November, they voted to name the school Love Elementary.

## Puppy stolen from pet store found unharmed

**PA** WILKES-BARRE — Authorities said a Rottweiler puppy stolen from a Pennsylvania pet store by a man armed with a gun has been found safe.

The 9-week-old dog named Remus was found Thursday on a Wilkes-Barre street. It had been taken Wednesday by a man who allegedly displayed a gun tucked in the waistband of his pants.

The store's owner said a microchip implanted in the puppy

confirmed it was the dog that had been stolen.

## Man is accused of stealing saxophone

**VA** RICHMOND — Authorities said Alex Robert Sheaffer, 29, was arrested Friday night and charged with stealing a high-end saxophone during a reception at the Science Museum of Virginia.

Sheaffer was being held Saturday on charges of grand larceny, buying or receiving stolen goods and obtaining money through false pretenses.

Police allege that Sheaffer stole a \$5,000 alto sax from a musician who was helping provide entertainment for a reception on April 13.

Investigators allege Sheaffer, a member of a catering crew, took the saxophone to a local pawn shop, where he used it to secure a \$300 loan.

The saxophone has been returned to its owner.

From wire reports

## FACES

## Prince album with unreleased demos coming out in June

A new Prince album, featuring his recordings of 15 songs he wrote for other artists, will be released in June.

The late artist's estate announced April 25 that the album, titled "Originals," will begin streaming exclusively on Tidal on June 7 (in honor of Prince's birthday). The album's songs were selected by Troy Carter, on behalf of the estate, and Jay-Z.

"In the spirit of sharing Prince's music with his fans as he wanted, the album will be available to stream in Master quality via Tidal's HiFi subscription tier," the announcement said. "Members will be able to hear the recordings just as the Artist intended the tracks to sound."

Warner Bros. Records will then release the recordings, sourced directly from Prince's archive of "Vault" recordings, via all download and streaming partners and physically on CD on June 21; 180 gram 2LP and limited edition Deluxe CD+2LP formats will follow on July 19.

In addition to Prince's original 1984 version of "Nothing Compares 2 U" (which was issued in 2018 as a standalone single), "Originals" features 14 previously unreleased recordings of songs Prince wrote for other artists, including the Time, Vanity 6, Sheila E., Apollonia 6, Jill Jones, the Family and Mazarati.

According to the estate, "Prince's original demo recordings would be used as master takes on their albums, with only minor alterations to the instrumentation and a replacement of the vocal tracks. Other times, artists would rely on his demos to guide them through their own recording process, with Prince's initial take informing their final version of his song."



Here is the "Originals" track list, along with the artist who first debuted each song:

- "Sex Shooter" (Apollonia 6)
- "Jungle Love" (The Time)
- "Manic Monday" (The Bangles)
- "Neon Rendezvous" (Sheila E.)
- "Make-Up" (Vanity 6)
- "100 MPH" (Mazarati)
- "You're My Love" (Kenny Rogers)
- "Holly Rock" (Sheila E.)
- "Baby, You're a Trip" (Jill Jones)
- "The Glamorous Life" (Sheila E.)
- "Gigolos Get Lonely Too" (The Time)
- "Love, Thy Will Be Done" (Martika)
- "Dear Michaelangelo" (Sheila E.)
- "Wouldn't You Love to Love Me?" (Taja Sevelle)
- "Nothing Compares 2 U" (The Family)

From The Los Angeles Times



ALAN POIZNER, THE TENNESSEAN/AP

Taylor Swift takes a selfie with a fan April 25 at an appearance at a butterfly mural in Nashville.

## All about 'ME!'

Taylor Swift's latest single about celebrating oneself

BY MESFIN FEKADU  
Associated Press

Taylor Swift will open this week's Billboard Music Awards with a performance of her new single, "ME!"

Swift released the colorful, upbeat song early on April 26, ending the weekslong search the pop star set off when she teased fans with clues about a new project.

She will kick off the May 1 awards show at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, where Mariah Carey, Madonna, Maluma, Kelly Clarkson, Paula Abdul and BTS also are performing.

Swift, a 23-time Billboard Award winner, is nominated for top female artist and top touring artist at the show, which will air live on NBC and AFN.

Swift released "ME!" — featuring Brendon Urie of Panic! at the Disco — on streaming services and also dropped its eye-popping music video April 26. It's the first single from her upcoming seventh album — the follow-up to 2017's "reputation."

In an interview with Robin Roberts on April

25, Swift said the song is about "embracing your individuality and really celebrating it."

"I think that with a pop song we have the ability to get melodies stuck in people's heads and I just want it to be one that makes (people) feel better about themselves," she said.

Swift wrote "ME!" with Urie and co-producer Joel Little, the New Zealander best known for producing Lorde's 2013 debut album, "Pure Heroine." He has also worked on hits for Imagine Dragons and Khalid.

Swift dropped clues about a new project for several weeks on social media, and her fanatic fans deciphered them and predicted Urie would be featured on the song.

She surprised a few hundred of those fans April 25 when she visited a mural she commissioned in Nashville and thanked them for showing up.

"I've never been more proud of your FBI level detective skills," she wrote on Instagram.

She told Roberts that she couldn't "believe how dedicated" her fans are.

"I can't believe how much they care — so it makes it more fun for me to create music, to create music videos," she said.

## HBO orders TV pilot about '80s Lakers era

Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Pat Riley are headed to HBO.

The premium cable network has ordered a pilot for a scripted drama based on Jeff Pearlman's nonfiction book "Showtime: Magic, Kareem, Riley, and the Los Angeles Lakers Dynasty of the 1980s."

The 2014 book recounts in detail all of the drama and action that happened on and off the court. It chronicles "one of the most successful yet dysfunctional franchises in the history of sports," Los Angeles Times columnist Chris Evers wrote. "Pat Riley's Showtime was pure jazz, based on the adolescent gusto of Magic Johnson, his often overindulgent teammates and the ring-master instincts of [owner Jerry] Buss at the top of his game. Honestly, did the Ming Dynasty have this many moving parts? Certainly not this much cocaine."

Announcing the project, HBO described it as "a fast-break series chronicling the professional and personal lives of the 1980s Los Angeles Lakers, one of sports' most revered and dominant dynasties — a team that defined its era, both on and off the court."

Adam McKay (HBO's "Succession," "Vice") will direct the pilot, and serve as executive producer. Production is scheduled to start this summer.

## 'Boyz N the Hood' director in coma

"Boyz N the Hood" director John Singleton is in a coma at a Los Angeles hospital eight days after suffering a major stroke, court papers filed April 25 showed.

The 51-year-old director's condition was revealed in a court filing from his mother, Sheila Ward, who is requesting she be immediately appointed his temporary conservator to make medical and financial decisions for him while he is incapacitated.

Singleton's family had previously announced that he'd had a stroke on April 17, but there had been no details revealed about the seriousness of his condition.

From wire services

## Captain America's farewell special to film's writers

BY MICHAEL CAVNA  
The Washington Post

For "Avengers: Endgame," the blockbuster capstone to more than a decade of Marvel Studios movies, Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely scripted the narrative threads for scores of superheroes — a feat of story orchestration that requires an intimate understanding of a chorus of characters. Yet even after writing for everyone from Iron Man to Captain Marvel, the screenwriting duo remains true to the focus of their first Marvel cinematic project: Captain America.

It was about a decade ago when Markus and McFeely began writing "Captain America: The First Avenger," which dramatized how undersized Steve Rogers became a World War II super-soldier, thanks to grit, moxie and the Army's experiment with

"Super Soldier Serum." The writing team embraced adapting the star-spangled hero, who was created by another creative duo — Joe Simon and Jack Kirby — shortly before U.S. involvement in World War II.

Across five films, Markus and McFeely constructed intriguing moral conflicts for Cap, the throwback, cynical-free character who is the Avengers' straightest arrow.

"He is steadfast where society is very gray and very mutable," Markus says. "And so the fascination has always been: How hard is it to stand up for these things he believes in — in the face of reality? Reality is a pretty tough thing to stand literally against."

Markus says such fiercely "good" types in cinematic history fascinate him: Characters such as Atticus Finch in "To Kill a Mockingbird" or Eliot Ness in "The Untouchables."

McFeely shares that sensibility. "Chris and I figured early on with Cap that we would be betraying his character if we made him anything other than a forthright, stand-up character," he says.

The screenwriters wrote Steve Rogers as a hero who increasingly influences other people across his long arc.

"He changes a lot of minds in the first movie," McFeely says. Then in the first sequel, "The Winter Soldier," "it gets even more obvious that he's changing the world around him."

With "Endgame," the screenwriters found Cap — as played throughout his MCU run by Chris Evans — to be the most compelling character to script. The new film, which officially opened April 26, has added poignancy because Evans has said it is his final Avengers movie.

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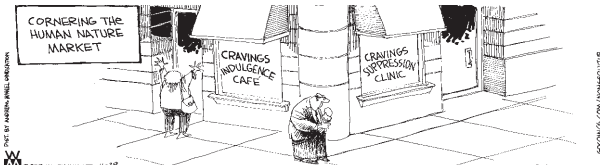
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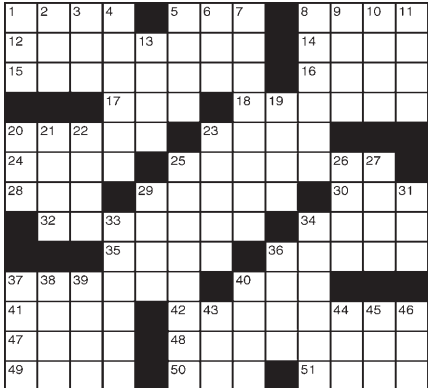
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- Beanies
- "Madam Secretary" actress
- Opposite of "sans"
- Very hungry
- Gambling city
- Coq au —
- Painter Georges
- Watched surreptitiously
- Pot covers
- Any time now
- Stuffed Italian pasta
- Boy king
- Doxtrine
- NYPD alert
- Gulches
- Potter's medium
- New newts
- Tint
- Import duty
- JFK info
- Portent
- Enraptured
- Theater award
- Eternally
- Variety
- Still, in verse

## DOWN

- USPS delivery
- Pro vote
- Restroom, for short
- Football team
- Earth circler
- Bearded beast
- Written messages
- Tenor Enrico
- Elizabeth of "Jacob's Ladder"
- Highlander
- Oklahoma city
- Redact
- Retired jet
- Serve coffee
- Greek vowel
- Highway divisions
- Chorus syllables
- Squabble
- "See ya!"
- Like marble
- Great divides
- Commotion
- Grabbed
- Both (Pref.)
- Check
- Divisible by two
- St. crosser
- Weed whacker
- Notable time
- Lair

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## NFL DRAFT

# Picks include plenty of potential backup QBs

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Let's talk quarterbacks. As in potential backup quarterbacks in the NFL, and maybe starters down the road.

Eleven quarterbacks were chosen in the draft. The trio that went in the opening round — No. 1 overall Kyler Murray to Arizona, No. 6 Daniel Jones to the Giants, and No. 15 Dwayne Haskins to Washington — figure to be starters someday, perhaps soon.

Murray goes to a team that traded away its first-round QB from last year, Josh Rosen, to clear the path for the Heisman Trophy winner. New coach Kliff Kingsbury was an offensive mastermind at Texas Tech with an offense that fits Murray's dynamic skills.

Jones will sit, though no one knows for how long, behind Eli Manning in New York. He was chosen to succeed the two-time Super Bowl winner, of course.

Haskins could grab the job in D.C. because his number 10 pick in the draft is not expected to recover sufficiently from major leg injuries to be available in 2019. Last season's backup, Colt McCoy, also broke his leg. So the Redskins traded for Denver's Case Keenum, but that looks like a stopgap.

As for the rest of those passers, they all went to clubs with established veteran starters except for Trace McSorley. The



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**Former Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley, who was drafted in the sixth round by the Baltimore Ravens, is one of several quarterbacks in the draft who will likely be at best a backup next season.**

resourceful Penn State QB landed Saturday in Baltimore, which moved from Joe Flacco to 2018 first-rounder Lamar Jackson in the middle of last season.

McSorley is a similar player in style to Jackson, so the marriage there could result in a second-string job for him.

"I've seen him play against Michigan a few times and looked pretty good," said Ravens coach John Harbaugh, whose brother, Jim, coaches the Wolverines. "I hated him

then, now I love him. He's our kind of guy. ... He's gritty and tough and that's what we look for."

Playing time for the others is, well, a long shot.

Missouri's Drew Lock went to Denver, which recently acquired Flacco. West Virginia's Will Grier was taken by Carolina, where Cam Newton reigns. North Carolina State's Ryan Finley will be behind Andy Dalton in Cincinnati. Auburn's Jarrett Stidham is with New England, where he might have to wait a decade for Tom Brady to retire. North Dakota State's Easton Stick, the successor to Carson Wentz at that school, wound up with the Chargers. Northwestern's Clayton Thorson went to Philadelphia, where Wentz is ensconced.

Jacksonville selected Washington State's Gardner Minshew, and the Jags now have the guy who so memorably replaced an injured Wentz in Philadelphia and won a Super Bowl, Nick Foles. The Jags already have five QBs now: Foles, Cody Kessler, Tanner Lee, Alex McGough and Minshew.

The Jags noted how smart Minshew is. He certainly can count.

"Yes, you will sit down with him and (realize) this guy could be a coach. It is impressive," Jaguars director of college scouting Mark Ellen said. "We interviewed him at the combine, a formal interview, and he was at the Senior Bowl also, but he is a sharp dude."

Stidham goes where the league's oldest quarterback resides, of course.

"I don't think I feel any pressure," he said. "It's an awesome opportunity to learn from a guy like Tom. He's played so much, he's seen everything, he's won a lot, there's just so many intangibles that I want to soak up from him. I'm sure everybody wants to be as good as Tom Brady someday ..."

Thorson compares his situation to previous experiences.

"It's kind of just like high school," he said. "Going to college, you come in as the guy and obviously there are other guys there. I learned from Trevor Siemian my freshman year of college. I'm really looking forward to getting in there and learning from Nate (Sufeldt, the current backup) and Carson. ... Just keeping myself ready to go at any moment."

His peers would not have to leave the same approach wherever they wound up.

The third and final day of this NFL Draft was memorable for the scene, the music and the passion of the folks in Nashville. It began Saturday with Arizona selecting Iowa State wide receiver Hakeem Butler. The last four rounds rarely have much intrigue, but still drew thousands of folks to downtown Nashville.

Approximately 500,000 people attended the three days of the draft.

Nashville's popularity likely puts it firmly in the NFL's mind for a repeat; Las Vegas is on tap next year for the draft.

## Scoreboard

Team-by-team picks					
<b>Arizona</b>		4 (104) Ryan Finley, q, N.C. State.	7 (220) Cullen Gillaspia, rb, Texas A&M.	6 (190) Armon Watts, dt, Arkansas.	<b>Pittsburgh</b>
1 (31) Kyler Murray, qb, Oklahoma.	4 (125) Renan Fren, dt, Arizona State.	7 (230) Parris Campbell, wr, Ohio State.	<b>Indianapolis</b>	6 (191) Marcus Epps, q, Wyoming.	1 (10) Devin Bush, lb, Michigan.
2 (32) Byron Murphy, cb, Washington.	6 (182) Trayvon Williams, cb, Texas A&M.	2 (34) Rock Ya-Sin, cb, Temple.	2 (39) Josh Oliver, dt, San Jose State.	6 (192) Dontae Johnson, wr, Toledo.	3 (83) Justin Layne, cb, Michigan State.
3 (65) Zach Allen, dt, Boston College.	1 (201) Deshaun Davis, lb, Auburn.	3 (89) Bobby Okeke, lb, Stanford.	4 (109) Khan Williams, q, North Carolina State.	7 (229) Daniel Mitchell, wr, Oregon.	4 (242) Benny Snell, RB, Kentucky.
4 (103) Hakeem Butler, wr, Iowa State.	7 (221) Rodney Anderson, rb, Oklahoma State.	4 (104) Maxwell Tell, s, Southern Cal.	4 (104) Maxwell Tell, s, Southern Cal.	7 (247) Gabriel Johnson, q, Colorado State.	6 (175) Stuart Smith, dt, Northern Illinois.
5 (169) Delonte Tamm, dt, Alabama.	7 (223) Jordan Brown, cb, South Dakota State.	5 (169) Gert Green, dt, Mississippi State.	5 (169) Gert Green, dt, Mississippi State.	1 (20) N'Keal Harry, wr, Arizona State.	6 (192) Isaiah Briggs, dt, Alabama.
6 (174) Keesean Johnson, wr, Fresno State.	<b>Cleveland</b>	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	2 (45) Joquian Williams, dt, Vanderbilt.	6 (207) Yusef Gilyard, lb, Akron.
7 (169) Lamont Galliard, q, Georgia.	2 (46) Greedy Williams, cb, LSU.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	<b>San Francisco</b>
8 (248) Joshua Miles, dt, Morgan State.	3 (80) Stone Takaki, lb, BYU.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	1 (21) Nick Bosa, dt, Ohio State.	6 (206) Deebo Samuel, wr, South Carolina.
7 (249) Michael Dogbe, dt, Temple.	4 (119) Sheldrick Redwine, s, Miami.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	3 (67) Jalen Hurst, wr, Baylor.
6 (203) Marcus Williams, dt, UCLA.	5 (170) Austin Seibert, q, Oklahoma.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	8 (187) Damien Harris, lb, Alabama.	4 (110) Mike Wishnowsky, q, Utah.
<b>Atlanta</b>	6 (189) Drew Forbes, q, Southeast Missouri State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (149) Eric Greenawald, lb, Arkansas.
1 (14) Chris Lindstrom, q, Boston College.	7 (221) Donnie Wells, cb, Tulane.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	6 (176) Kaden Smith, dt, Stanford.
1 (31) Caleb McGary, q, Washington.	<b>Dallas</b>	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	6 (183) Justin Skule, dt, Vanderbilt.
4 (111) Kendall Sheffield, q, Ohio State.	6 (188) Trysten Hill, dt, Central Florida.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	6 (198) Tim Harris, qb, Virginia.
5 (152) Jadree Ollison, rb, Pittsburgh.	3 (90) Connor McGovern, q, Penn State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	1 (29) L.J. Collier, dt, TCU.
5 (172) Jordan Miller, cb, Washington.	4 (117) Austin Bryant, dt, Clemson.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	2 (647) D.K. Metcalf, wr, Mississippi State.
6 (203) Marcus Green, wr, Louisiana Monroe.	4 (128) Tony Pollard, rb, Memphis.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (120) Gary Jennings, rb, West Virginia.
<b>Baltimore</b>	4 (117) Austin Seibert, q, Oklahoma.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	1 (24) Phil Hayes, q, Wake Forest.
1 (25) Marquise Brown, wr, Oklahoma.	6 (189) Drew Forbes, q, Southeast Missouri State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Logo Adams, q, Oregon.
3 (85) Jaylon Ferguson, dt, Louisiana Tech.	7 (221) Donnie Wells, cb, Tulane.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Logo Adams, q, Oregon.
3 (93) Miles Boykin, wr, Notre Dame.	<b>Denver</b>	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (204) Travis Homer, rb, Miami.
4 (113) Justice Hill, rb, Oklahoma State.	2 (20) Noah Fant, q, Iowa.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	6 (209) Demarcus Christmas, dt, Florida State.
4 (122) Benn Bowens, q, Oklahoma.	4 (141) Dalton Risner, dt, Kansas State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	1 (39) John Ursua, wr, Hawaii.
4 (127) Iman Marshall, cb, Southern Cal.	7 (213) Dre'Mont Jones, dt, Ohio State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	<b>Tampa Bay</b>
6 (160) Daylon Mack, dt, Texas A&M.	5 (155) Justin Hollins, lb, Oregon.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (29) Seanunting, dt, Central Michigan.
6 (197) Trace McSorley, qb, Penn State.	5 (165) Mike Weber, rb, Ohio State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (94) Jameel Dean, dt, Auburn.
<b>Buffalo</b>	4 (121) Justin Hollins, lb, Oregon.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	3 (99) Mike Edwards, q, Kentucky.
1 (9) Odell Beckham Jr., wide receiver, New York Giants.	<b>Detroit</b>	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
2 (38) Devin Ford, dt, Oklahoma.	4 (121) Justin Hockerson, qb, Iowa.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
4 (174) Devin Singletary, rb, Florida A&M.	4 (121) Jahnuai Tava, lb, Hawaii.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
6 (199) Dawson Knox, te, Mississippi State.	5 (111) Will Harris, s, Boston College.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
7 (202) Jordan Wilkins, rb, Florida.	4 (117) Austin Bryant, dt, Clemson.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
6 (181) Jaquan Johnson, s, Miami.	4 (146) Amari Okunribiye, cb, Penn State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
7 (202) Jordan Wilkins, rb, Florida.	<b>Indianapolis</b>	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
6 (181) Jaquan Johnson, s, Miami.	2 (38) Travis Fulghum, wr, Old Dominion.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
7 (202) Jordan Wilkins, rb, Florida.	4 (121) Justin Tava, te, Georgia Tech.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
6 (181) Jaquan Johnson, s, Miami.	7 (229) PJ Greeney, q, Arizona.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
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6 (181) Jaquan Johnson, s, Miami.	1 (21) Rashad Gary, q, Michigan.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
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7 (202) Jordan Wilkins, rb, Florida.	1 (23) Tytus Howard, dt, Alabama State.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
6 (181) Jaquan Johnson, s, Miami.	4 (154) Lonnie Johnson, cb, Kentucky.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	5 (145) Matt Gay, q, Utah.
7 (202) Jordan Wilkins, rb, Florida.	2 (55) Max Sharping, dt, Northern Illinois.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
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7 (202) Jordan Wilkins, rb, Florida.	5 (161) Chavis Omenihu, dt, Texas.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (246) Jason Barton, dt, Utah.	7 (237) Chase Finch, q, Mississippi State.	4 (122) Anthony Nelson, dt, Iowa.
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## NHL PLAYOFFS

## Columbus evens series with 2OT win

## Blue Jackets' Bobrovsky stops 29 shots in win

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — Sergei Bobrovsky stopped Patrice Bergeron at point-blank range in overtime. He also made an acrobatic save to stop a 90-foot dump-in that took a bad hop straight toward the net.

Whatever the shot, the Blue Jackets goalie was ready.

"There's not many goalies (who) stop that puck," said Matt Duchene, who scored at 3:42 of the second overtime to give the Blue Jackets a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins early Sunday morning and tie the series at one game apiece.

"It should've been over right there. Honestly, on a dump-in, which is insane," Duchene said. "That guy — anything's possible. He's something else."

Bobrovsky stopped 29 shots — 10 of them to hold off the Bruins in a frantic first overtime — and Artemi Panarin had two goals and an assist on the game-winner for Columbus, which fell behind twice.

Matt Grzelczyk and David Pastrnak scored for Boston, which won the opener 3-2 — also in overtime. Tuukka Rask made 36 saves.

"We're so evenly matched. I find, with the way we both play and there's not much room to draw. There's no one really taking over the game," Duchene said. "It's such a stalemate out there and I'm not surprised it went to overtime back-to-back games."

And now the Blue Jackets are heading back to Columbus, where they have already finished off the No. 1 team in the NHL this season. Games 3 and 4 are Tuesday and Thursday nights.

"I hope they have a ball tonight," Columbus coach John



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Columbus Blue Jackets center Matt Duchene (95) shoots the game-winning goal past Bruins goaltender Tuukka Rask during the second overtime of Game 2 in their playoff series Saturday in Boston.

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**Matt Duchene**  
Columbus Blue Jackets center

Tortorella said. "And they should, they should feel really good about themselves."

Panarin's second goal made it 2-2 with 12 minutes left in the second period, and it stayed that way through a scoreless third and a first overtime in which the Bruins killed off one penalty. But when Bergeron was sent off for tripping in the second OT, the Blue Jackets made them pay.

Less than a minute later, Duchene kicked the puck onto his stick and slid it through Rask's legs. As the Columbus players celebrated against the boards, the Bruins fled off the ice and many fans threw the giveaway yellow towels onto the ice.

"You work hard to put yourself in a good position. The game. It's on me, obviously," Bergeron said. "The stick got caught. It's one of those plays that you make many times and it's not going to happen, but my stick shouldn't be there at this point in the game."

The Bruins took the lead about eight minutes into the game with a power-play goal by Grzelczyk. It was still 1-0 at the end of the first, when Brad Marchand was called for cross-checking after the first-period buzzer.

Sixty-three seconds into the power play to begin the second period, Panarin tied it on a one-timer from Seth Jones. But less than a minute later, Game 1 hero

Charlie Coyle went behind the Columbus net and backhanded it off Pastrnak's skate into the net.

Then things started getting really physical.

Bruins defenseman Zdeno Chara was off for cross-checking when Columbus forward Josh Anderson, whose interference penalty led to the first Boston goal, was called for a high stick that left a bleeding gash under Sean Kuraly's left eye.

Anderson was given a four-minute minor, but there was still a minute left on Chara's penalty and during the four-on-four Panarin tied it with a perfectly aimed, top-shelf wrist shot from the right side.

"Their best player, Panarin, basically beat us twice on a power play. That shouldn't happen," Bruins coach Bruce Cassidy said. "That's one thing we wanted to take away."

Columbus then killed off the last three minutes of the Boston power play.

## Scoreboard

## Conference semifinals

(Best-of-seven; x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Boston 1, Columbus 1  
Boston 3, Columbus 2, OT  
Saturday: Columbus 3, Boston 2, 2OT  
Tuesday: at Columbus. *AFN-Sports* 2, 1 a.m. Wednesday CET; 8 a.m. Wednesday JT

Thursday, May 2: at Columbus Saturday, May 4: at Boston  
x-Monday, May 6: at Columbus x-Wednesday, May 8: at Boston  
Carolina 1, N.Y. Islanders 0  
Friday: Carolina 1, N.Y. Islanders 0, OT  
Sunday: at N.Y. Islanders  
Wednesday: at Carolina. *AFN-Sports* 2, 1 a.m. Thursday CET; 8 a.m. Thursday JT

Friday, May 3: at Carolina x-Sunday, May 5: at N.Y. Islanders x-Tuesday, May 7: at Carolina x-Wednesday, May 8: at N.Y. Islanders

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

St. Louis 1, Dallas 1  
St. Louis 4, Dallas 2, 2 a.m.  
Monday: at Dallas. *AFN-Sports* 2, 2 a.m. Tuesday CET; 9 a.m. Tuesday JT

Wednesday: at Dallas. *AFN-Sports* 2, 11:30 a.m. Thursday CET; 8 a.m. Thursday JT

Friday, May 3: at St. Louis x-Sunday, May 5: at Dallas x-Tuesday, May 7: at St. Louis

San Jose 1, Colorado 0  
Friday: San Jose 5, Colorado 2  
Sunday: at Colorado. *AFN-Sports* 2, 4 a.m. Wednesday CET; 11 a.m. Wednesday JT

Thursday, May 2: at Colorado x-Friday, May 4: at San Jose x-Monday, May 6: at Colorado x-Wednesday, May 8: at San Jose

## Saturday

## Blue Jackets 3, Bruins 2 (2OT)

Columbus 0 2 0 0 1-3  
Boston 1 1 0 0 0-2

**First Period**—1, Columbus, Grzelczyk 1 (McAvoy, Krejci), 7:50 (pp).

**Second Period**—Columbus, Panarin 3 (Jones, Atkinson), 1:03 (pp), 3, Boston, Pastrnak 3 (Johansson, Coyle), 2:01, 4, Columbus, Panarin 4 (McAvoy), 8:01.

**Second Overtime**—5, Columbus, Duchene 4 (Panarin, Atkinson), 1:07, 2OT.

**Shots on Goal**—Columbus 9-10-10-5-41, Boston 7-8-10-13-31.

**Power-play opportunities**—Columbus 2 of 4; Boston 1 of 4.

**Goalies**—Columbus, Bobrovsky 5-1 (31 shots, 25 saves), Boston, Rask 5-4 (41-38).

A—17,565 (17,565). T—20:11.

## Stars 4, Blues 2

Dallas 3 0 1-4  
St. Louis 1 0 1-2

**First Period**—1, Dallas, Hintz 3 (Zuccarello, Dickinson), 7:11, 2, Dallas, Helsen 2 (Hintz, Zuccarello), 1:30, 3, St. Louis, Parayko 1 (O'Reilly, Perron), 14:25.

**Second Period**—5, St. Louis, Schwartz 5 (Parayko), 1:48, 8, Dallas, Hintz 4 (Benn), 19:57.

**Shots on Goal**—Dallas 10-7-18-35, St. Louis 10-14-10-34.

**Power-play opportunities**—Dallas 0 of 2; St. Louis 0 of 5.

**Goalies**—Dallas, Bishop 5-3 (34 shots, 32 saves), St. Louis, Binnington 5-3 (34-31).

A—18,285 (19,150). T—2:49.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Dallas Stars goaltender Ben Bishop deflects the puck at teammate Tyler Seguin, left, and St. Louis Blues' Ryan O'Reilly watch during the Stars' 3-2 win Saturday in Game 2 of the second-round playoff series in St. Louis.

## Stars' Bishop stymies Blues

By STEVE OVERBEY  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Dallas goalie Ben Bishop rebounded — at his hometown team's expense.

Bishop made 32 saves, Roope Hintz scored twice and the Stars beat the St. Louis Blues 4-2 in Game 2 to even the Western Conference semifinal series.

Bishop grew up in St. Louis and often attended Blues games. He recalled chanting Chicago Blackhawks goalie Ed Belfour's name as a teenager in the stands. St. Louis fans did the same thing to Bishop on Saturday, screaming his name to try and throw him off his game.

"It's pretty crazy," Bishop said. "I was that kid screaming Belfour's name and then you're on the ice and they're screaming your name. Never

in a million years when I was watching playoff games as a kid here that I'd be in the net playing against the Blues. Obviously, it's kind of cool."

Miro Heiskanen and Mattias Janmark also scored for the Stars.

Jaden Schwartz and Colton Parayko scored for St. Louis, and Jordan Binnington made 31 saves. The Blues had won three straight.

Game 3 is Monday night in Dallas. Bishop bounced back after allowing three goals on 20 shots in a 3-2 loss in Game 1 on Thursday night.

"It's a long season, there's going to be shots you want to have back," Bishop said. "Every game is a new game, that's the way I've done it in my career."

Dallas scored three times in the opening 14:51 before Bishop took over.

Hintz, who added an empty-net goal with 3 seconds left, converted on a pass from Mats Zuccarello at 7:11. Heiskanen scored on a give-and-go with Hintz just over six minutes later.

The Blues answered 46 seconds later on Parayko's drive from the top of the circle.

Dallas needed just 26 seconds to restore the two-goal lead, with Janmark scoring off Jason Dickinson's pass.

Schwartz tipped in a shot from Parayko just 1:48 into the third. Schwartz has a team-high five goals in the first two rounds.

Bishop improved to 11-3 when coming off a loss in the playoffs.

"I've been pulled, I've given up six (goals), it happens," Bishop said. "That's the cool thing about the playoffs. You forget and move on."

# HIGH SCHOOL/AUTO RACING



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

Osan American's James Rivet, left, tries to advance the ball against APIS's Jeremy Kim in the Plate final.

## Osan boys, Seoul American girls capture titles in Korea

By DAVE ORNAUER  
Stars and Stripes

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea — Things could not have started much worse for Osan's boys soccer team this season. Coming off a 5-14-2 2018 campaign, the Cougars, thought to be a year older and a year wiser, were a dismal 0-4-1 in their first five matches.

Eight wins in 10 matches later, including Saturday's 3-1 triumph over Asia-Pacific in the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Plate Tournament, the Cougars say they like the team's direction.

"It's a start," said Joey Betts, a junior midfielder who was voted the tournament's Most Valuable Player. He said that despite the dismal start, "we thought we had a chance" to do big things this season.

A change in practice mentality helped turn things around, Betts said, adding that the tournament helps give the Cougars needed momentum heading into next month's Far East Division II tournament. "This is definitely a big confidence booster," he said.

The five-match winless start served as what James Rivet, a junior midfielder, termed a "wake-up call" for the Cougars.

From there, "we figured out what we needed to fix, our chemistry got better and we finally found our place."

The boys final in the Plate Tournament, for sub-500 teams, remained scoreless until the 33rd minute, when Betts launched a corner kick over Green Hawks keeper SooYoon Hwang toward lanky Cougars midfielder Ryan Klappmeyer, who headed it in for a 1-0 Osan lead.

The Cougars increased the lead thanks to two lengthy drives by Rivet. In the 49th minute, he pushed the ball quickly upfield, then tapped it left to a wide-open Betts who went far post on Hwang for a 2-0 edge.

Rivet capped Osan's scoring seven minutes later when he cut diagonally left against the APIS defense, then slanted a left-footed shot past Hwang to the far post.

Osan's boys had their hands full getting to the final, needing to survive a tight semifinal battle against Humphreys, outshooting the Blackhawks 4-2 in penalty kicks for a 4-3 victory.

### Rolison paces Falcons to title

INCHEON, South Korea — Another DODEA Korea team found itself atop a Plate Tournament title podium after Saturday's play. Seoul American's girls team outlasted Taejon Christian in a penalty-kick shootout for a 3-2 victory at Chadwick.

Mya Rolison netted two first-half goals, giving her a team-high 17, then buried the clincher in the shootout for the Falcons, who also opened slowly but are now 7-4-3.

It was sweet redemption, Rolison said, for her having missed a penalty kick against the Dragons in a 2-2 draw on March 16 at Seoul American.

"I was so nervous, everybody kept saying this is it, this is it," Rolison, a sophomore transfer from Maryland, said. "When it went in, I was thinking, wow, I really did this. It was so amazing. Really redemption for me. I was thinking I did this for me, for my team, I did this for our season."

Senior midfielder Ashley Clifton, named the tournament MVP, and junior midfielder Mindy Pond also converted kicks in the PK shootout for the Falcons.

Another DODEA Korea girls team that found its stride was Daegu, which entered the Plate Tournament 0-10, but won two of three matches, shutting out Cheongda Dalton 2-0 on Friday and International Christian-Uijongbu 3-0 on Saturday in the fifth-place match.

"It's a start," Warriors coach Kevin Anglim said after Kamala Kenny scored twice to help the Warriors blank the Eagles. "Hopefully, we can use the momentum going into Far East and develop players to drive a culture at our school. The players deserve all the credit."

The Warriors almost sent their second match on Friday to a shootout before losing 1-0 to Korea International.

Two DODEA-Korea girls teams qualified for the Cup Tournament, for teams above 500, played at Seoul Foreign. Osan lost 2-1 to the host Crusaders in the third-place match, while Arielle Sticker led the Blackhaws to fifth place, with a 2-1 win over Chadwick.

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### Auto racing roundup

## Reddick holds on for Talladega Xfinity win

Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Tyler Reddick held off Gray Gaudling in a two-lap shootout to win the NASCAR Xfinity Series race Saturday at Talladega Superspeedway for his first victory of the year.

Reddick withstood a last-lap move by Gaudling to survive the caution-packed race and overcame a speeding penalty on pit road and brushes with both the wall and rookie Noah Gragson. Nobody could get by him after a restart from the eighth caution, a red flag after a seven-car wreck.

His car sustained damage on the right side after hitting the outside wall.

"The day kept getting crazier as we were working on it," Reddick said. "It took longer than we planned. We came out way behind the leaders and we were two laps from getting lapped and we somehow got lucky. A caution came out and saved us and put us right back in the mix."

Gaudling took second for his best series finish and Christopher Bell was third.

It was Reddick's first win in nine races this season, but he already had six Top 5 finishes and extended his points lead.

The 23-year-old also won the \$100,000 bonus as the top finisher among the four drivers who qualified. He passed Chase Briscoe with 10 laps left and kept the lead through late restarts in the No. 2 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet. It was the first Xfinity win at Talladega Superspeedway

for Childress and the first win for Randall Burnett as a crew chief.

Reddick started to feel like it might be his day after he managed to steer clear of the first of two late seven-car crashes.

"When that wreck happened and I missed it, I'm like, 'There must be a reason why I wasn't in that wreck. There's gotta be a reason I haven't wrecked yet,'" Reddick said. "It was just a lot of fun to work our way back to the front."

### Bottas cruises in Baku as Mercedes dominates

BAKU, Azerbaijan — Valtteri Bottas held off Lewis Hamilton before cruising to victory in the Azerbaijan Grand Prix on Sunday to continue Mercedes' dominance of the title race.

That was the fourth straight one-two finish for Mercedes, the best start to a season by a two-car team in Formula One history. Sebastian Vettel and Ferrari were never even close to victory.

"It obviously means a lot. It's incredible as a team the kind of level we are performing at now," Bottas said. "It's only my fifth win so of course it feels great."

Bottas was challenged by teammate Lewis Hamilton at the start but held on to the lead after they battled through the opening two corners.

Bottas took over the championship lead by a single point from Hamilton, who took second place behind the Finn.

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# MLB SCOREBOARD

## American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	17	9	.654	
Baltimore	16	10	.615	1 1/2
Toronto	13	14	.481	4 1/2
Seattle	13	14	.481	4 1/2
Baltimore	10	18	.357	8
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	16	11	.593	
Cleveland	15	11	.577	1 1/2
Chicago	14	12	.538	3 1/2
Chicago	10	14	.417	5
Kansas City	10	14	.417	5
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	18	12	.600	
Houston	13	13	.500	3
Texas	13	13	.500	3
Los Angeles	11	17	.393	6

## National League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	17	11	.607	
New York	13	15	.500	1 1/2
Atlanta	13	15	.500	1 1/2
Washington	11	14	.440	3 1/2
Miami	10	18	.357	5 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	16	10	.615	
Pittsburgh	14	12	.538	2
Cincinnati	11	15	.423	5 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	11	16	.403	
San Diego	16	11	.593	
Arizona	14	13	.519	1 1/2
Colorado	13	14	.481	4
San Francisco	10	14	.417	6

## Fridays' games

Tampa Bay at Boston, ppd.	
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, 12, Detroit 11	
Los Angeles at Houston	
Minnesota at Baltimore	
A. Angels at Kansas City	
Seattle's 5, Texas 4, 11 Innings	
Y. Yankees 7, San Francisco 3	
Philadelphia 4, Miami 0	
San Diego at Washington 3	
Milwaukee 10, N.Y. Mets 6	
Colorado 8, Atlanta 4	
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 2	
Arizona 8, Chicago Cubs 3	
San Francisco 7, Kansas City 3	

## Saturday's games

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, ppd.	
Minnesota 3, Baltimore 2	
Toronto 7, Oakland 1	
Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 2	
Y. Yankees 6, San Francisco 4	
Philadelphia 7, Kansas City 3	
San Diego 8, Cincinnati 3	
San Francisco 7, Seattle 1	
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 3	
San Diego 8, Washington 3	
Los Angeles 5, N.Y. Mets 6	
Chicago 9, Arizona 1	
Los Angeles 3, Pittsburgh 2	

## Sunday's games

Tampa Bay at Boston	
Baltimore at Minnesota	
Detroit at Chicago White Sox	
L. Angels at Kansas City	
St. Louis at Washington	
San Francisco at Arizona	
Philadelphia at St. Louis	
Chicago Cubs at Arizona	
San Francisco at Arizona	
Oakland (Montez 4-1) at Boston (Rizzone 2-2)	
Houston (Verlander 4-0) at Minnesota (Cabrera 2-2)	
Baltimore (Means 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Bauer 2-2)	
Tampa Bay (Chirinos 3-0) at Kansas City (Munoz 2-2)	
St. Louis (Wacha 1-0) at Washington (Cabrera 2-2)	
Los Angeles (Rendon 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-2)	
San Francisco (Marguez 3-1) at Atlanta (Soroka 1-1)	
Los Angeles (Freeland 2-3) at Milwaukee (Davies 2-0)	
Los Angeles (Meads 3-2) at San Francisco (Samiraj 2-1)	

## Saturday

## Rangers 15, Mariners 1

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Choo dh	6	2	2	0	Haniger rf	3	0	1	0
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Andrus ss	6	3	3	3	Encrino lb	3	0	0	0
Mazarr rf	6	3	3	3	Voglbach ib	1	0	0	0
Wright dh	6	0	0	0	Wright dh	3	0	0	0
Gallo cf	5	3	1	1	Wright ss	3	0	0	0
Da.Sntn lf	5	3	1	1	Bruce dh	2	0	0	0
Frye3b	5	1	0	0	Narvaez bf	3	0	0	0
Moore 2b	5	1	0	0	Healy bf	3	0	0	0
Smith dh	5	1	0	0	T.Mprcy c	3	0	0	0
Matis c	5	1	0	0	Moore 2b	3	0	0	0
					M.Smith cf	3	0	0	0
Totals				45	15	10	3	0	1
Seattle				45	15	10	3	0	1
Pitch				100	0	0	100	0	0
LOB - Texas 13, Seattle 4				28	28	28	28	28	28
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Texas				45	15	10	3	0	1
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Strassburg	7	3	1	1	13	1	1	1	13
Dozile	7	3	1	1	13	1	1	1	13
Wick	7	3	1	1	13	1	1	1	13
Perdomo W-L 1-0	7	3	1	1	13	1	1	1	13
Warren p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wick p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felipe J	4	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
Warren p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wick p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grijalva 2b	4	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	0
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## MLB

# Sanchez slam lifts Yanks over Giants

Injury-riddled New York gets 10th win in 12 games

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Gary Sanchez spent the past few days tinkering at the plate trying to get his swing right after spending nearly two weeks recovering from a strained left calf. When he connected for one of the longest home runs of his career, Sanchez smacked his hands together emphatically, confident that he's getting close.

Sanchez hit his first career grand slam in a five-run fifth inning for his first hit since coming off the injured list, and New York beat the San Francisco Giants 6-4 on Saturday for its 10th win in 12 games.

"The past couple games I've had, I've been off at the plate," Sanchez said through a translator. "When you're able to connect like that, you're going to feel happy and show some emotions."

Sanchez had been 0-for-9 with seven strikeouts since returning Wednesday. His batting average down to .220, he crushed a high slider from Derek Holland (1-4). The ball left the bat 111 mph and traveled 467 feet into the left-field seats, nearly clearing the bleachers and giving New York a 6-0 lead. Sanchez has seven home runs and 15 RBIs.

"That's one that kind of sucks the life out of the building," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "I have to walk down the steps and let out a yell because that fires you up, when you see one of our dudes really step on one. I enjoy that."

Pitcher J.A. Happ scored on Sanchez's home run after reaching base when he bunted into a forceout.

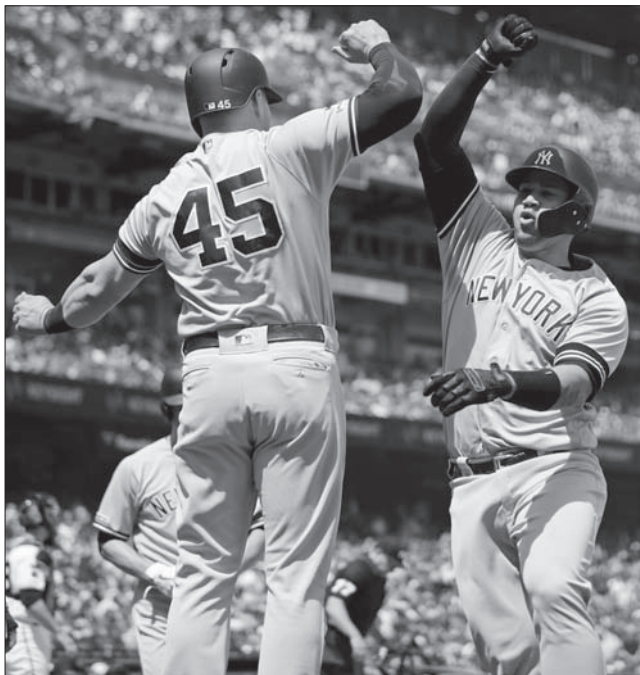
"I was at third base and I felt like he was going to maybe hit one foul through my chest at about 110 mph," Happ said.

Happ (1-2) had his best outing this season, allowing five hits in seven scoreless innings and mixing 37 changeups with 38 fastballs among 95 pitches. He ended a streak of seven straight starts in which he allowed a home run.

New York, despite 13 players on the injured list, improved to 5-1 on a nine-game trip and a season-high five games over .500.

Sanchez's slam was a sign that healthy help is finally on the way.

"When you get a chance to bring in four runs, it could be just 300 feet and I'll take it," Sanchez said. "The last two swings I felt more confident. That's what you want. Now we have to try to keep that consistency going."



BEN MARGOT/AP

The Yankees' Gary Sanchez, right, celebrates with Luke Voit after hitting his first career grand slam off of the Giants' Derek Holland in the fifth inning of Saturday's game in San Francisco. New York won 6-4.

## Roundup

# Yelich, Hader lead Brewers to win as Mets drop to .500

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After Christian Yelich helped put Milwaukee ahead, Josh Hader prevented the Mets from coming back.

Yelich hit his major league-leading 14th home run, tying the record for most before May 1, and Hader needed just 20 pitches to retire six batters Saturday night and close out the Brewers' 8-6 win over the New York.

Yelich's fourth-inning homer off Noah Syndergaard (1-3) was the first on the road this season for the reigning NL MVP. His 14 homers matched Albert Pujols (2006) and Alex Rodriguez (2007) for the most through the first full month of the season.

"That's pretty cool. Obviously, those guys are pretty good baseball players," Yelich said. "To be up there with those guys is definitely an honor."

Yelich finished with three hits, a walk and two RBIs, raising his average to .350, and he stole the 100th base of his big league career. He is batting .362 with 39 homers, 101 RBIs and 16 stolen bases in 93 games since last season's All-Star break.

**Rays 2, Red Sox 1:** At Boston, Yandy Diaz hit the second pitch from David Price (1-2) over the Green Monster and Mike Zunino added a fourth-inning RBI single for the AL East-leading Rays.

**Twins 9, Orioles 2:** Minnesota hit five home runs off visiting Baltimore for the second straight day, including a pair by Max Kepler.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

The Mets' Travis d'Arnaud, left, is tagged out by Milwaukee Brewers second baseman Mike Moustakas while trying to stretch a single off relief pitcher Alex Wilson during the seventh inning of Saturday's game in New York.

**Cardinals 6, Reds 3:** Marcell Ozuna hit a three-run homer and drove in five runs and host St. Louis beat Cincinnati.

**Blue Jays 7, Athletics 1:** Vladimir Guerrero Jr. went 1-for-4 with two strikeouts in his second big league game. Brandon Drury had three hits a day after his

winning ninth-inning home run and host Toronto improved to 5-0 against Oakland this season. Randal Grichuk and three hits and two RBIs.

**Astros 4, Indians 3 (10):** At Houston, pinch-hitter Tony Kemp had a 10th-inning homer off Adam Cimber (2-2) that traveled

just inside the right-field foul pole.

**Padres 8, Nationals 3 (10):** Greg Garcia hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in a six-run 10th inning as visiting San Diego extended its winning streak to five.

**Phillies 12, Marlins 9:** Rhys Hoskins, Nick Williams and Andrew McCutchen homered as host Philadelphia took a 10-1 lead into the sixth and held on.

**Royals 9, Angels 4:** At Kansas City, Mo., Hunter Dozier had four hits, including a pair of two-run triples, and set a career high with four RBIs. Kelvin Gutierrez drove in two runs in his big league debut.

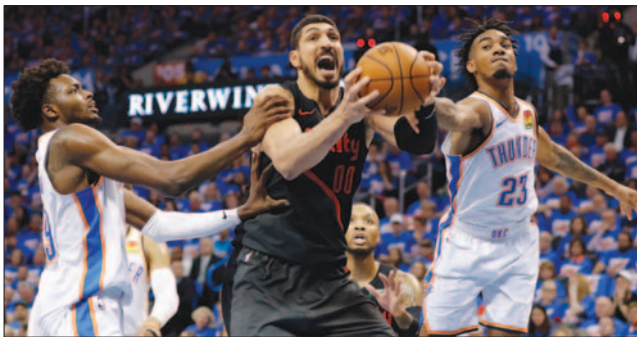
**Rockies 9, Braves 5:** Charlie Blackmon hit a go-ahead, two-run double off A.J. Minter (0-3) and Trevor Story followed with a three-run homer during a ninth-inning rally as visiting Colorado won for the 10th time in 12 games.

**Cubs 9, Diamondbacks 1:** Yu Darvish (2-3) struck out eight in six innings in his best performance this season, David Bote homered twice and drove in five runs, and visiting Chicago hammered Arizona.

**Dodgers 3, Pirates 1:** Clayton Kershaw delivered a vintage outing for his first win of the season, allowing one run over seven innings to help host Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh.

**Rangers 15, Mariners 1:** Mike Minor struck out a career-high 13 in seven innings, and visiting Texas pounded Seattle to stop a five-game losing streak.

# NBA PLAYOFFS



ALONZO ADAMS/AP

Trail Blazers center Enes Kanter, center, competes for a rebound with the Thunder's Jerami Grant, left, and Terrance Ferguson. Kanter averaged 13.2 points and 10.2 rebounds in Portland's 4-1 series win.

## Kanter, Siakam among players starring in their support roles

By CLIFF BRUNT  
Associated Press

Just a few months ago, Enes Kanter was toiling for a New York Knicks team that was heading nowhere.

Now, he's a significant contributor for a Portland Trail Blazers team heading to the Western Conference semifinals.

Kanter is one of several players starring in their supporting roles and helped put their respective teams in the second round of the NBA playoffs. Others have helped put their teams on the brink of advancing.

The Knicks waived Kanter after the trade deadline in February and Portland swooped in to pick him up. The 6-foot-11 center stepped in as a starter for the Trail Blazers after Jusuf Nurkic suffered a leg injury. The Blazers' playoff hopes looked bleak after Nurkic went down, but Kanter has taken full advantage of his new situation. Kanter averaged 13.2 points and 10.2 rebounds in the Trail Blazers' 4-1 series win against Oklahoma City.

"I would like to appreciate the teams that didn't pick me," Kanter said after Portland's clinching Game 5 win on Thursday night. "I tried to sign with lots of teams and they weren't interested. Two days ago, I was looking in the mirror and thought, 'I should be blessed. I was blessed.'"

Toronto's Pascal Siakam is another player who has performed well in the postseason.

He is a leading candidate for the NBA's most improved player award and in the Raptors first-round series against the Magic, Siakam averaged 22.6 points and 8.4 rebounds.

Denver's Torrey Craig stepped into the starting lineup in Game 4 of the Nuggets' series against San Antonio. He averaged roughly six points in the regular season but had 18 points and eight rebounds in Denver's 117-103 win. His presence allowed Denver to shift Gary Harris over to guard San Antonio's Derrick White, with good results. White scored just eight points in Game 4 after averaging 23 points the first three games.

"There's always somebody that steps up in the playoffs," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. Craig has "stepped up. That's just the way it is. You look for people to step up who aren't your major players. Every winning team, there's always somebody that seems to do that and somebody that you might not expect or somebody that hasn't been playing well. You never really know."

"Every team needs other people to step up."

Some other players who have shined in their roles during the postseason:

Andrew Bogut and Kevon Looney, Golden State. Golden State's center position has remained strong since DeMarcus Cousins' left quadriceps injury



FRANK GUNN, THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP

Raptors forward Pascal Siakam, right, fends off 76ers forward Jonah Bolden on Saturday.

during the series against the Los Angeles Clippers. Bogut rejoined the Warriors in March and now has stepped in as a starter. The 34-year-old has averaged 11 rebounds in the past three games.

"He looks amazing," Golden State forward Draymond Green said. "It's been incredible to have him back, especially with DeMarcus going down."

Looney has averaged 9.3 points and 4.5 rebounds on 79 percent shooting from the field in just 18 minutes per game. He scored 19 points in Game 2.

P.J. Tucker, Houston. The 33-year-old forward is averaging 13 points and 6.5 rebounds in Houston's series against Utah, up from his regular-season numbers of 7.3 points and 5.8 rebounds. He made 46 percent of his three-pointers in the series.

Boban Marjanovic, Philadelphia. The 7-foot-3 center has stepped up with Joel Embiid battling an injured left knee. He averaged 7.3 points and 4.6 rebounds during the regular season, but those numbers jumped to 10.8 points and 6.2 rebounds against Brooklyn in just 15 minutes per contest.

Mike Scott, Philadelphia. Scott's numbers won't show his full impact. His corner three with 18.6 seconds left in Game 4 against Brooklyn put the 76ers up by two and helped the 76ers claim a critical victory. He didn't shoot well in the series, but he stepped up when Brooklyn had a chance to even the series. The 76ers clinched the series three days later.

Brook Lopez, Milwaukee. The veteran center has supported the team's young stars by averaging 12 points and 5.3 rebounds and leading all players with 5.3 blocks per game.

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## Better: Harden's goal 'to be more impactful than the year before'

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Never lacking in confidence, Harden wasn't surprised that D'Antoni's thought he could be called the league's most improved player a year after winning MVP.

"It's true," he said. "Every year I try to come back better. I try to come back and find ways to be more impactful than I was the year before and I think I was this year. And hopefully next year it will be the same thing. To try to go up as high as I can until I'm done."

Some criticize Harden's game because they believe he relies too heavily on drawing fouls and piling up chunks of his points at the free throw line. The Rockets scoff at that notion and even one of the Warriors disputed that theory.

"He can do everything," said Golden State's Kevin Durant said, a former teammate in Oklahoma City. "If you're not focused, he can drive past you, hit you with the shoulder because he's strong, finish with either hand. He's shooting floaters now. Obviously the step back three-pointer is one of his staples, but I never really believed he was just a free throw guy. He can score in a variety of ways."

Another quality which people believe puts Harden in a league of his own is his ability to adjust to any defense and figure out ways to play around it. The Jazz tried several tactics to try and corral Harden in their first round series with Houston, but he still averaged 27.8 points as the Rockets won in five games.

"He's like artificial intelligence," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said during the series. "His ability to dissect and recognize different situations, particularly spacing, and they do a great job

with him."

Though Harden led Houston in scoring in every game in the first round, he didn't shoot particularly well in the series, especially in Game 3 when he set an NBA playoff record by missing his first 15 shots. If the Rockets hope to finally knock off the Warriors in the postseason this year they know that Harden will need to continue that improvement D'Antoni raved about. Houston has been eliminated in the playoffs by Golden State in three of the last four seasons including last year in the Western Conference finals.

"You're never satisfied, you never get too comfortable," Harden said. "I watch film, I'm in the gym. I work on my conditioning. I study moves. I try new moves I just don't do the normal."

Harden isn't simply trying to be the best player in the game today. He's focused on leaving his mark as one of the best the league has ever seen.

"That's one of the things you dream of when you're a little kid on the playground outside, to be one of the best basketball players ever," he said. "So that's what I strive for and that's what I'll continue to go (after) until I retire."

A boost to that legacy would be to help Houston win its first title since 1995. Though Harden won't look too far ahead, he knows that great players are often judged on how they perform in the playoffs and he's determined to do all he can to get the Rockets past the Warriors and give them a shot at that elusive championship.

"It's very important," he said. "Obviously, championships are important. But I'm just taking it one game at a time. That's all I worry about. I let everything fall in place where it needs to be."



ROCK BOWMAN/AP

Rockets guard James Harden reacts after a foul was called during a game against the Jazz on April 20. The Jazz tried several tactics to try and corral Harden, but he still averaged 27.8 points.







## SPORTS



## Slammin' Sanchez

Sluggish lifts hobbled Yankees to 10th win in 12 games » **MLB, Page 29**

# Better than ever?

Rockets coach D'Antoni says Harden shouldn't just repeat as MVP — he's the league's most improved player

By KRISTIE RIEKEN  
Associated Press

## HOUSTON

**H**ouston Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni thinks James Harden should win a second straight MVP award.

The veteran coach also believes the Beard should take home another award, too.

"I don't know if he'll get MVP, he should in my opinion," D'Antoni said. "But he definitely should get most improved player because he's improved his game."

**'It's true. Every year I try to come back better.'**

**James Harden**  
Rockets guard (pictured),  
defending NBA MVP

It's daunting to think: Harden is actually getting better. And there are plenty of numbers to back it up as the Rockets prepare to play the Warriors in the Western Conference semifinals starting Sunday.

A year after Harden became the first Rocket to win MVP since Hakeem Olajuwon in 1994, when he led the team to the first of two titles, Harden has improved in almost every statistical category.

He raised his scoring average from 30.4 to 36.1 points lead the NBA, upped his rebounds from 5.4 to 6.6, improved his steals from 1.8 to 2.0, raised his free-throw percentage from 85.8 to 87.9 and made 4.8 three-pointers a game after averaging 3.7 a year ago.

And those numbers don't take into account how much he's improved on defense and the skill with which he uses his step back three-pointer.

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